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FERGUSON BREAKS SCHEINFLUG SABOTAGED

says John Economos.

Coach of the Young Socceroos, Les Scheinflug, struck problems once again late last week when he assembled his Young Champions in camp in Sydney.

With time ticking away before the World Youth Championships in Mexico, Scheinflug has been hit by lack of co-operation from two NSL coaches.

A few of the Young Soceroos turned up at the training camp carrying injuries.

The Australian coach immediately put them through a thorough medical check and all were declared unlit to train with Australia

The problem facing Scheinflug is that ALL were instructed by their club coaches that they had to play for their clubs last weekend.

Great stuff for Au-

With only weeks to go before the young Au-stralian kids face up to the deadliest young players in the world, Scheinflug — as if he already didn't have problems - now has to contend with battling his own coaching colle-

Australia in the first round of the World Youth Championships has to meet Korea, Mexico and Scotland.

Who is Korea?

Only the current Asian champions.

Who is Scotland?

Only the current European champions.

And what kind of players is Scotland

going to throw at Australia?

Probably about five current Premier Division players in the UK.

Australia will have to face names like Tottenham Hotspur's Alister Dick, Aberdeen's Eric Black and Neil Cooper, Sunderland's Alley McCoist and Celtic's Paul McStay ... just to name a few.

Scheinflug automati-cally rested his injured kids and sent them for medical treatment, but the injuries are so tender that playing could

aggravate the situation. The Australian coach lamented: "Time is running out for me and I

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By Tom McKain

Charlie Villani could be back in the Adelaide City line-up, despite being placed on the transfer list in coach Bobby Ferguson's purge.

Supporters of the Italian-backed club were shartered when Ferguson named Villani along with Jimmy Wright, former Socceroo Johnny Nykohous, Chris Miller and Chris Manou for transfer.

"They don't fit into my plans at present," said Ferguson when he

Ferguson when he issued the list.

While there has never been any stipulation that players with Italian beckgrounds should be given preference in the team, there has always been at least two in the line-up—provided they had the provided they had the

Villani has talent, but if he is sold, only Sergio Melta is left of the "Italian connection'

In fairness to Ferguson, Villani has not been in top form, and the dour Scottish coach gave a hint of a change of heart last

"Anyone who can hit form and prove himself will come off the transfer list," said Ferguson.

We have a team in the State League Second Division and we have training sessions.

"Anyone can prove himself there."

As it was, Ferguson had to recall Johnny Nys-kohus last week when Brian Northcote pulled out with flu.

Meanwhile West Adelaide could jump in for Chris Manou.

The big all-rounder has a Greek background and was with West as a junior.

Still only 21, he was making a name for him-self in midfield last season, but Ferguson has used him as a centre-back and full-back this year, and Manou has been struggling.

KOSSIE DENIES CHARGE

By David Jack

John Kosmina yesterday denied serious charges made against him by Heldelberg president Sam Goulopoulos.

The Australian captain was involved in some verbal battles with Heidel-berg fans at the conclusion of Sunday's NSL match between his team, Sydney City and Heidel-

As a result of the incident, Goulopoulos stated he would complain about Kosmina to the NSL

The Heidelberg president accused Kosmina of using racist expressions in arguments with Greek

Kosmina, who, according to reports, had a very rustrating match (Svdney City lost 1-0) claims he was upset by the Heidelberg fans who called him names at the end of the match.

Kosmina said: "I was late leaving the field because I was chatting to a photographer. Then I copped a mouthful from the fans. I told them to go away and brushed them

"That's all there was to

Mr Goulopoulos was severely critical of several Sydney City players and claims one (not Kosmina) deserved the red card.



David Lowe -- he's as fit as they come and hoping to hit the goals target in Maxico.

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ANG SEE MORE SEED STORES PAGES 16 and 17 — Full Junior coverage.

EDITORIAL

Soccer is getting a very good deal from television in Sydney this year. . . or is it? It seems just about every channel is getting in on the act, leaning over backwards to present the sport to the lucky

Yet the whole exercise is somewhat superficial. The various channels are delighted to screen Soccer from overseas, so long as it doesn't interfere with the normal run of programmes. In other words, Soccer is acceptable at a time of night when most people have gone to bed. In prime viewing time — never.
When the Philips Soccer League was

first formed, it was promised huge exposure on Channel TEN. But the Philips Top Soccer show did not last. It had virtually no chance of survival, mainly because it went on too late at night.

Take a look at some of the offerings on Sydney TV in a typical recent week:-Thursday. . The Road to Wembley. Channel 9. 11 p.m.
Thursday. . Tribute to Young Soc-

ceroos. Channel 10. 11.35 p.m.

Monday. . . Match of the Day. Channel

Monday. . . Big League Soccer. Channel 7. 10.50 p.m.

Tuesday...The Road to Wembley. Channel 9. 10.45 p.m.

Thursday. . . All Star Soccer. Channel 10. 11.35 p.m.

Thursday. . . English Soccer. Channel

9. 11 p.m. We have come to accept the late screening of the English games but surely there can be no excuse for the semidocumentary on the Youth Socceroos to have been shunted back to the 11.35 time slot. If ever there was a programme which had enormous appeal to youngsters, it was this one. Australia's Youth team has captured the imagination of every boy in the nation — and plenty of their parents — and it was a stroke of genius for Channel 10 to produce a show paying tribute to those Socceroo kids. But it was stroke of infamy to give the programme its first airing at 11.35 at night.

We wonder how many kids were permitted to stay out of bed after midnight to watch the Young Socceroos in action. Precious few.

This year, Channel 7 is getting involved in local Soccer. Its first effort was the Australia v New Zealand international in Melbourne. Naturally, it went on late in the night. What a pity the channel didn't take a gamble and screen the match live.

That is too much to expect. It must be stressed that this criticism of TV Soccer does NOT apply to Channel O-28. This is one channel which knows what the Soccer public wants and usually supplies it. It is a pity so many viewers have difficulty getting a clear picture on O-28.

If you notice anything different about your AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY this week, we hope you like it.

The paper has been revamped, with several of our previous features restored.

ASW nit the top last year with record sales and most gratifying interest and enthusiasm from readers. It seemed as if some of the reader enthusiasm was missing this year. That is why the changes in format and content have been made -

starting with this issue.

If you don't like the "new look" ASW, we apologise. We want to please and we want to produce the sort of Soccer newspaper you enjoy reading.

How about dropping us a line? We will welcome praise or criticism. Just let us know what you want - and we'll do our best to supply it.

JOHNNY WATKISS

Former Australian World Cup star, last week appointed NSW State coach, Johnny Watkiss, announced his State training squad for the match against Queensland at Perry Park, Brisbane, on Sunday, May 8.

By John Economos



Watkiss in typical unselfish,

but most constructive fashi-

on, selected his squad with

Australia's best interest at

stake. . . not concerned

about politics or self-

When I contacted Wat-

kiss last night for his squad

and personal thoughts, the

giant super-sportsman qui-

tions, I was given complete

with such freedom, I felt

bound to make my selecti-on with Australia's future

on the international arena

have tried to encourage so-

Watkiss continued: "I

But although equipped

When making my selec-

preservation.

etly remarked:

freedom of choice.

getting first priority.

NSW COACH, Johnny Watkiss

me players with the next World Cup in mind.

"I have purposely left out some as they will not be giving Australia too much service in the near future.

"I also wanted to be able to assist Frank Arok and Les Scheinflug who look after the national team with the England Test series co-

ming up. opportunity to see more of

their own national squad members in action as time is running out.

"Again I purposely left out all squad members of the Australian Youth team.

"I felt with their club and national training commitments, together with their Mexico tour coming up, the burden could prove too much for them and they could get bogged down with too much football.

That is the only reason I have neglected Youth team players. "We must not forget the

magnificent job our lads did in the 1981 World Youth Championship so I have included some of these

"For example, Whea-tley, Carter, Kay, Raskopoulos, Mitchell and Koussas have been drafted into the squad to blend with seasoned and well experienced top players of the calibre of Kosmina, Ratcliffe, Vidaic, Katholos and O'Connor.

Watkiss made it clear th-

SELECTS

N.S.W.

at between now and May 8, the squad will eventually be cut back from 23 to a travelling party of 14 players going to Brisbane, but in that time, players like Saints' flying striker, Robbie Slater could possibly be added to the team.

Watkiss commented: "Robbie Slater to me is an exciting lad, but has only just made his comeback for St George last Saturday against South Melbourne.

He will not be neglected as his manager Frank Arok will be monitoring his progress very closely and re-laying it on to the State

"We will be going up to Queensland to play enter-taining football with a strong squad. I am not treating this match as a picnic game at Perry Park.

The NSW squad started training last night (Mon-day) at the St George Stadium, and it is envisaged at this stage that NSW will train every Monday night at the same venue.

These training sessions will be followed up with a match against Arok's Australian team on May 18.

The NSW Squad is:

Goalkeepers: Woodhouse & Watson.

Back-Four: Wheatley, Carter, Jennings, M.O'Shea, Ratcliffe, Pullen, Bertogna, Vidaic. Midfielders: Raskopou-

los, Katholos, Stone, Cant,

Kovacic, Kay. Strikers: Kosmina, Mit-chell, O'Connor, Soper, Giampaolo, Jankovics,

THE WEEKEND NSL PROGRAM:

Canberra v Heidelberg, Bruce, Sat., 3pm Sydney City v St George, Athletic Field, Sun., 3pm

Sth Melbourne v Wollongong, Middle Park, Sun., 3pm

West Adelaide v Brisbane City, Hindmarsh Stadium, Sun., 2.30pm

Preston v Newcastle, Connor Reserve,

Brisbane Lions v Footscray, Richlands, Sun., 3pm

Marconi v Olympic, Marconi Stadium, Leichhardt v Adelaide City, Lambert Park,

YOUTH LEAGUE

Sun., 3pm

By Peter Russell

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1. Marconi	4	2	1	1	8	5	+3	7
2. A.I.S	4	2	1	1	4	.4	_	7
3. Sydney City	3	2	0	1	11	3	+8	6
4. Newcastle	3	2	0	1	5	2	+3	6
5. Canberra	5	2	0	3	9	11	-2	6
6. Olympic	4	2	0	2	8	12	-4	6
7. St George	3	1	1	1	5	4	+1	4
B. Wollongong	5	1	1	3	3	8	-5	4
9. Leichhardt	3	1	0	2	1	5	-4	3

NSL RESULTS

Heidelberg 1 (Valentine) beat Sydney City 0 at Olympic Village. Crowd: 3000.

Wollongong 1 (Ainsworth) drew with West Adelaide 1 (Atsalas) at Corrimal, Crowd: 2500.

Brisbana City 3 (Hamilton, Tokesi, McMillan o.g.) beat Preston 1 (Lucchesi) at Spencer Park. Crowd:

Sydney Olympic 0 drew with Brisbane Lions 0 at Pratten Park. Crowd: 6850.

Footscray 1 (Paton) beat Canberra 0 at Schintler Reserve. Crowd: 2000.

Adelaide City 1 (Mullen) beat Marconi 0 at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 2,500. St George 2 (Slater, Barton) beat Sth. Melbourne

0 at Barton Park. Crowd: 4,150. Newcastle KB 1 (Mountford) beat Leichhardt 0 at

International Sports Centre. Crowd: 2,422.

RESULTS OF MATCHES PLAYED WEEK ENDING 10.4.83

DATE DAY	HOME	SCORES	AWAY
9.4.83 SAT	ST GEORGE Petkovski	1 v 1 (1) H.T. (1)	MARCONI Licata
9.4.83 SAT	NEWCASTLE Caban 21, Brandt 82	2 v 0 (1) H.T. (0)	LEICHHARDT
10.4,83 SUN	SYD OLYMPIC		SYDNEY CITY Sargeant 5, Boden 32, 70, Da Marigny 15, 72
10.4.63 SUN	WOLLONGONG	0 v 3	CANBERRA





DEFERRED **GAMES** ON FRIDAY

The NSL has rescheduled two deferred games for Marconi Stadium on Friday night.

The first match is a league game between Sydney City and Footscray, starting at 6.45pm.

This will be followed by a quarter final of the Nation Cup between Mar-coni and Brisbane City, beginning at 8.30 pm.

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

		A	GG	RE	GA	ΓE	HOME				AWAY												
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P		P	W	D	L	F	A	P		P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1. West Adelaide	. 5	3	2	0	5	2	11		2	2	0	0	2	0	6		3.	1	2	0	3	2	5
2. Heidelberg	5	2	3	0	5	2	9		3	2	1	0	4	1	7		2	1	2	0	3	2	5
3. Sth Melbourne	5	2	2	1	9	5	8		2	1	1	0	4	1	4		3	1	1	1	5	4	4
4. Newcastle KB	5	2	2	1	8	5	8		3	1	2	0	3	2	5		2	91	0	1	5	3	3
5. Preston	5	2	2	1	9	7	8		2	1	1	0	3	2	4		3	1	1	1	6	5	4
6. Adelaide City	5	2	2	1	6	6	8		3	2	1	0	5	3	7		2	0	1	1	1	3	1
7. Brisbane City	4	2	1	1	8	7	7		3	2	0	1	7	6	6		1	0	1	0	1	1	1
8. St George	5	2	1	2	4	3	7		3	2	1	0	4	1	7		- 2	0	0	2	0	2	0
9. Sydney City	4	2	0	2	4	6	6		1	1	0	0	2	0	3		3	1	0	2	2	6	3
10. Canberra	5	1	2	2	10	7	5		2	1	1	0	7	2	4		3	0	1	2	×31	5	1
11. Syd. Olympic	5	1	2	2	6	6	5		3	2	2	2	5	6	4		2	0	1	1	1	4	1
12. Wollongong	5	0	4	1	6	7	4		3	0	3	0	3	3	3		2	0	1	1	3	4	1
13. Leichhardt	4	1	1	2	2	4	4		1	1	0	0	1	0	3		3	0	1	2	1	4	1
14. Marconi	5	1	1	3	3	7	4		2	1	1	0	3	2	4		3	0	0	3	0	5	0
15. Brisbane Lions	5	1	1	3	4	10	4		2	1	0	1	2	2	3		3	0	1	2	2	8	1
16. Footscray	4	1	0	3	3	9	3		3	1	0	2	3	8	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

PETER SHEEAN SPEAKS



Peter Sheean, the ASF's new commercial director, addresses the inaugural function of the Canberra Arrows VIP club. Also pictured (from left) are ACT Liberal Senator, Margaret Reid, Arrows' secretary/administrator, Ms Karen Grega and its President, Mr Charles Perkins.

Picture courtesy of Vladimir Stojanovic.

DELAIDE ANGER

By Tom McKain

Adelaide fans, particularly those at West, are wondering what S.A. players have to do to make the Socceroo squad.

With West sitting at the top of the NSL after a win over St. George, caretaker (and Saints) coach Frank Arok announced five additions to the original squad selected by Les

Scheinflug. Two of the replacements came from his own team - goalkeeper Terry Greedy and central defender Mike O'Shea.

Greedy looks a capable replacement for West's Martyn Crook, out with an injured knee.

O'Shea is a competent defender, but is he really all that much better than West's Robbie Dunn, the central point in a defence which is now the best in the competition?

And is there a better attacking full-back than West's Ian McGregor?

Arok's other additions were Sydney City defen-der Jim Cant and midfiel-

West Adelaide

coach Alan Vest is

reluctant to com-

ment on his team's chances this sea-

son, despite their

Last year he held off saying anything until they were in

the top four for two

antly tipped they

would be in the Top

Four fight, they slipped out and down

the table, so now he's saying nothing.

When he reluct-

weeks.

tremendous start.

ders Ken Murphy (South Melbourne) and Mike Valentine (Heidelberg). Steve Atsalas has been

burning midfield for West and Sergio Melta doing likewise for City. No one can blame any

coach for selecting the players he knows best and a national coach who is also a club coach has little chance to see "out-

Even when he does, his time is taken up watching the performance of his

But before we are finished we may have the same situation as faced us when Rudi Gutendorf was in charge — a record number of players wear-ing the Australian shirt in one season.

And perhaps three different teams taking on England in June — if the first up 11 don't click.

AHMET AWAD - AMEN!

Heidelberg United have given Ahmed Awad the cold shoulder. The Committee cancelled his contract last week, because of their inability to meet his

extraordinary demands.
The Egyptian international has entered negotiations with Marconi Sydney and it seems at this stage he will join Doug Collins'team.

Meantime Heidelberg have finalised negotiations with Box Hill striker Scot Patterson, and the player has signed a two years contract with the club.

OVER AROK

PATON JOINS FOOTSCRAY

By Con Nikolopoulos

Footscray is on the road to recovery, according to club president Zika Karic.

The reserved president expressed his optimism about the future of his team in this year's champion-ship, immediately after the signing of former Heidelberg forward Jamie Paton.

am cetain Paton will reinforce our forward line» said Karic."His nose for goal is something we need at Footscray. I am certain Jamie will combine very effectively with Zdravko Lujic, Gus McLeod and Joe Carroll, to increase our miserable goal tally

Karic's optimism also stems from the fact that colourful left-winger Lujic has settled his differences with the club, and agreed to stay at Schintler Reserve. and midfielders Slodoban Jovanovic and Vlatko Belic are back training with the side.

Jamie Paton is the second member of the successful McKendry team that has departed from Heidelberg, in the space of three weeks.

Only a fortnight ago, John Yzendoorn joined South Melbourne for an alleged fee ofæ15,000.

Karic refused to disclose the amount he paid for

Paton. I have it on very good authority, however, that Footscray forked outæ8,000.

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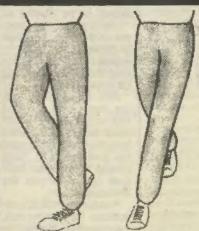
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NSL ROUND UP . . . NSL ROUND UP

SLATER PAVES THE WAY

BUT SOUTH MELB SO DISAPPOINTING

BY KEITH GILMOUR.

It took just 12 minutes for Robbie Slater to celebrate his return to the St. George side with a splendid goal that set his team on the way to a 2-0 win over South Melbourne at St George Stadium on Saturday.

The youngster played havoc with a visiting team that was packed with stars who, with the exceptions of Alan Davidson and Ken Murphy, entirely failed to twinkle, let along shine.

The goal was certainly worth recounting. Slater gate-crashed a leaky defence from the right, ex-changed a pass with Dez Marton, and raced through to a spot just outside the penalty box.

John Muskovits allowed Slater to retake possession and he responded by placing his shot just inside the

The Gunners' measured passes across the back and lack of forward thrust indicated that they had come to Sydney for a point.

Later it became clear that they simply had nothing to offer on the day. Coach Rale Rasic attributed their lack-lustre display to the effect of the Easter Sunday 1 - 1 draw with Heidelberg followed by the - 2 Cup demolition of Canberra on the Monday.

He had a point, no

MOUNTFORD HEADS AGAIN

By Myles Hay

Newcastie expects Bob Mountford to score

goals with that "expert" head of his and again he

didn't let the supporters down with another

doubt, but surely that was only part of the story. Of the three-man forward line, Steve Wooddin failed to click once again; Doug Brown produced very little indeed and Charlie Egan buzzed around without receiving the service he

In fact it is impossible to recall even one South Melbourne shot on the goal over the full 90 minutes.

For their part, the Saints tore into everything with

Terry Greedy stifled the opposition early by picking the crosses out of the air in conjuror-like fashion.

Peter Stone and Mark Barton were in superb midfield touch while David Skeen ripped the heart out of the South Melbourne defence in the second half as he gleefully scooted up the wing to deliver a fusilade of

Late in the first half, Dez Marton twice had unbearable pressure on the South goal and three minutes after the resumption, he virtually sealed the result.

He set up Barton from the inside-left position and the midfielder raced through to clude Peter Laumets and slip the ball a metre inside the post.

Midway in the half, it could well have been 3 - 0. Oscar Crino, still below his peak, was not penalised by referee Tony Boskovic when his arm met a bal' which dropped inside th area.

Saints' win was joyously celebrated by the big contingent of Greek supporters among the Saturday crowd.

ST.GEORGE: Greedy, Skeen, R.O'Shea, Barton, Ratcliffe, M.O'Shea, Slater, Stone, Muskovits, J.O'Shea, Marton, (Wilson

78 mts.) STH.MELBOURNE Laumets, Russell, Xanthopoulos, Blair, Davidson, Halford, Murphy, Crino, Wooddin, (Yzen-doorn 67 mts), Brown,

GOALS: 1 - 0 Slater 12 mts. 2 - 0 Barton 48 mts. CROWD: 4,120 REFEREE: T.Boskovic

Gladiators coach Jim

Hermiston told his play-

ers they would be con-

tinued to be treated as

country cousins from

the north" — as they were

in Sydney over Easter -

unless they proved on the

field they were a side to

And although it took the home side the first

half to get going, which could be attributed to the

fact they had not played for two weeks, City sprang to life after half-

time and outplayed the

Preston have built a re-

putation for playing dull,

uninteresting football in Brisbane and they did no-

thing to change that in

Both teams had fair op-

portunities early on but it

was the visitors who got on the score sheet first.

Alex Livingston played a great deep ball to the far post, which City 'keeper Kim Wishart mis-

sed, for David Jones to

head back to Claude Lucchesi who finished

A goal behind, one

would have expected Pre-

ston to open up a little but

they were allow and uni-

well from close range.

Melbourne team.

this match.



Brisbane City midfielder Bob Hamilton on the run against Preston. He scored

ANGRY BRISBANE C

By Greg Russell

Brisbane City, fired up by the treatment they were given in Sydney over the Easter weekend, overcame a one-goal deficit to beat Preston 3-1 at Spencer Park.

sweetly-timed headed goal to down Leichhardt. Apart from that vital goal however the opponent's goal net is still an extremely clusive target for the KB foragers.

Many chances were created against Leichhardt but were not converted - in fact one miss by Mountford late in the first half must be classified in the impossible-to-miss cate-

gory.

From a fine cross by David Jones on the left David Lowe cleverly steered the ball to the waiting Mountford, but the experienced striker somehow contrived to scoop it over the

bar from less than five metres. The rugged striker's lethal ability appears to lie more with his head than in his shooting.

Last week Mountford nodded in the equaliser against Adelaide City and headed two into the Brisbane City net, ac-tually completing his hattrick of goals in that match with an "own goal" - yes from yet another header past his goalke-

eper Clint Gosling But there was a heartening approach to much of Newcastle's play against Leichhardt with a much greater determina-tion to move the ball into their opponents' territory.

Young Grant Lee, on a season's loan from Sydney City sparkled throughout, continually forcing his presence on the game,

However he too was infected with Newcastle's "squanderitis" when late in the game he was clean through the visiting defence but in attempting to loft the ball over the advancing Greg Woodhouse he played a nine-iron golf shot and his ef-fort soared over the cross bar.

Still, Lee looked good value on the right side and should further improve with better understanding of his new team

Leichhardt badly missed their skipper Baz Giampaolo, out through injury with Terry Butler taking over the captain-Tireless little John Bradley

was the pick of the Leichhardt side until he suffered a leg injury midway through the se-cond half and was virtually a passenger from then on, Leichhardt having used their substit-ute when Tony Morsello went

Gosling in the Newcastle goal had a comparatively idle day until a blistering drive from Arno Bertogna brought out a splendid reflex save from the agile goalkeeper.

Greg Woodhouse was busier and looked confident though he constantly had to keep an eye on Mountford who relishes

these goalmouth challenges. It was not until the 70th minute that the Newcastle crowd roared their pleasure when Mountford cleverly headglided a ball from Lee wide of Woodhouse for a three pointcarning enal.

maginative. New midfielder Zoran Ilioski showed some flair in the centre of the park but the team lacked direction in the middle.

Ollerton, playing as sweeper, showed some promise but he never created anything and was more intent on clearing the ball.

Former South Melbourne player George Campbell was about the only Peston player who tried anything out of the ordi-nary but few of his team mates were thinking as quickly.

City winger Joe Cairney nearly got away just be-fore half-time when Ollerton was slow to run onto a through ball but Preston keeper Richard Wilson was quick to make a save.

The former New Zealand goalie may not have been so pleased with his second half as he had to share some of the blame for all three City goals.

The first came just 12 minutes into the half when Gladiators midfielder Bobby Hamilton. making his return to the starting line-up for the first time in a month, cracked a good shot from

to an elected the second

Wilson seemed very slow to react and did no more than helplessly wave his arm in the air as the ball flew into the top

Wilson's weakness was highlighted again in the second goal when he failed to move off his line to pick up a Pimblett corner and the ball sailed across the goalmouth for Peter Tokesi to knock in

at the far post. But the third goal was a real crusher for the Rams. If the spectators thought Hamilton's goal was good, they were silenced by City's third - a 40 metre screamer, from Preston midfielder George McMillan into his

The goal was almost unbelievable. City striker Stephen Glockner had the ball just inside Preston's half. He had beaten one Preston player when McMillan charged in and swept his foot through to send the ball powering goalwards.

The Preston goalie, like his team-mates, stood dumbfounded as the ball flew into the net for the best goal of the match!



Peter Ollerton

Preston possibly could have considered themselves unlucky not to get two goals in an aggressive second half in which referee Gordon Nicholson booked Campbell and Hamilton.

In the 62nd minute, City were lucky to survive a penalty appeal from the Preston players when keeper Kim Wishart climbed over several Preston strikers to regain the ball after he dropped a Livingstone cross.
Preston were obviously

upset by some of the de-cisions and the result and Ollerton refused to speak to the Press afterwards.

A POOR **STANDARD**

By Jock Stephen

GAME

Play in the early stages between Footscray and Canberra was quite scrappy and both sides had trouble trouble controlling the ball in the fierce northerly wind.

Canberra were first to have a go when Duncan Cole laid on a chance for Ian Gibson who missed af-

ter four minutes.
Vlatko Belic led the
Footscray attack with lots of zest to put some bite into the home team's effort: surprisingly it took a while for Footscray to realise that high crosses were not getting them anywhere.

Ken Taylor and Joe Car-roll led the way with the ball hugging the turf and had it not been for some great defence work in the Canberra midfield and the alertness of Steve Hoszowski in goal, the Canberra citadel would have fallen.

However, a great Belic run down the left wing and a nifty cross for Paton to drive home a fine goal for Footscray at the 44th minute lifted the tension from Footscray shoulders.

Duncan Cole was unlucky not to have scored in the 37th minute but those chances never repeat themselves.

Footscray had worked hard against the wind which spoiled the game as a spectacle but their goal was well deserved and gave Hoszowski no chance.

The non-appearance of Duncan Cole after half time surprised many as he had been one of his team's best - but it was learned that he was suffering from a cartilage injury.
Canberra must have our

sympathy as they do have a high injury list.

Canberra handled the strong head wind much better than the home team had done and it was an object lesson for the Footscray forwards.

Paton and Carroll worked well together. Curovic had moved forward to strengthen the attack and what looked like the "perfect goal" by Paton from a square pass by Belic was ruled out of order through another Footscray forward being in an offside position.

Joe Carroll, who has settled in very nicely, med the bar with a lethal drive aided by the powerful

Redmond and McLaren combined well with only 11 minutes to go in an effort to gain a point but were denied by Denis Boland at his best. A Paton effort with the whistle due at any second, said much for Footscray's shrewd purchase from Heidelberg as it curled over the bar.

Best for Footscray Tutill, Belic, Carroll and Paton. Best for Canberra Terry Byrne, Hoszowski, Stone and Cole in the first half.

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NSL ROUND UP NSL ROUND UP



Two of Australia's great defenders in action at St George Stadium with David Skeen making a tackle on Alan Davidson.

VALENTINE VOLLEY SINKS SLICKERS

Heidelberg United overtook another major obstacle in their race to the top

The Bergers recorded a slen-der 1-0 win over National League champions Sydney City and consolidated their position in the top four.

A 30 metres volley by Mike Valentine gave the home team their second win for the season which elevates them to second place on the table, while it sent Sydney City tumbling.

Seriously hampered by the absence of key players, both coaches had to reshuffle their teams. Ken Morton had to shift John Spanos to left back to cover for the loss of Jim Tansey and bring in new recruit Scot Patterson in the forward line.

His counterpart Eddie Thomson also had to rearrange his side to make room for goalkeeper Todd Clarke and midfielder Ian Souness.

In spite of the changes in the tine up Sydney City badly missed the services of Socceroo forward David Mitchell and Kenny Boden.

To compensate for their loss and aiming at gathering the high crosses in the box Eddie By Con Nikolopoulos

Thomson pushed captain Murray Barnes into the for-

The tactics however failed to produce results for both Barnes and Socceroo captain John Kosmina were kept under tight guard throughout the game.

The match produced very few thrills because the gale force winds prevented both sides from developing their play. In fact it was the defences

that figured in the game as the ball was travelling at high speed from end to end.

John Kosmina upset a lot of people with his attitude. Obviously frustrated, Kos-

mina was tough on opponents on a number of occasions and gesticulated —provoking tremendous roars.

Even on the way to the dressing rooms after the game, Kosmina retaliated by saying things to the public.

His attitude attracted criticism from Soccer officials present, while club president Sam Goulopolous stated to ASW after the incident that he was going to file a complaint to the National League suggesting ac-tion be taken against John

Heidelberg started the game with the wind on their back and soon established territorial

A goal by Mike Valentine 12 minutes into the game forced Sydney City to permanently settle in Slickers' area.

Centre-half Steve O'Connor made the fatal error which led to Heidelberg scoring the win-ning goal. In his attempt to clear the ball, O'Connor passed back to team mate Kevin Mullen Shaky Mullen failed to connect with the pass allowing Valentine to gain control of the ball and hammer it into the net

from 30 metres out.

Heidelberg missed a brilliant opportunity to increase the margin in the 20th minute when Chilean midfielder Juan Toro failed to beat Clarke in a man-

MULLEN STAKES HIS CLAIM

By Tom McKain

Joe Mullen staked another claim for reinclusion in the Soccero Youth team for Mexico when he grabbed the only goal of the match to give Adelaide City a 1-0 win over Marconi at Olympic Sports Field.

When he missed out on the Costa Rica leg of the World Cup qualifying matches be-cause of injury national coach Les Scheinflug told Mullen to secure a regular place in the City team and he would be considered for the WYC finals. Mullen took his chance against Marconi in the 79th

minute when he raced into the box on the left to collect a low cross from Steve Maxwell, a recent addition to the Youth trial squad, who had taken the ball down the right side of the

Mullen, calm as always. steadied himself and swept the ball past goalkeeper Bruce James for his second goal since joining the NSL at the begin-ning of the season from State League team Para Hills.

was three high rolling points for City as it put them into the joint top four bracket

While Mullen's goal and Maxwell's cross were gems, the match failed to sparkle, despite the fact that the rains had turned themselves off in the morning and apart from some slippery patches on the field it was an ideal day for Soccer.

Both teams failed to string enough passes together to make the match a spectacle for

There were throw-ins galore and misdirected passes in

And while Mullen was the scoring hero for City goalkeeper Willie McNally was also the toast of the club rooms after the game

With time running out he dived at the feet of Mark Jankovies to stop a certain goal which would have shared the points.

Earlier McNally had stopped a shot from Tommy McCulloch and when Jankovics was getting

set for a shot, referee Donald Campbel) pulled him back for a free kick and booked City de-

fender Phil Cole.
Shots from Vic Bozanic and
Tony Henderson were also
blocked.

Tom Sermanni, who looked good as a recent arrival in the

country, also had a shot stop-ped foot first by McNally.

But its goals that count and that one from Mullen went in for the three points.

James did not have as much

direct work to do as McNally although he did stop a Neil Banfield shot, then another from Maxwell

Then it was Tony Henderson who cleared a header by City's Sergio Melta after some good work by Mullen and Les

So there was spasmodic ac-tion, but the fans applauded for the three points and not the entertainment provided.

Both coaches are obviously

City's Bobby Ferguson perhaps settled on his back four and goalkeeper, but still permutating the midfield and Iront runners.

Brian Northcote, the City midfield strongman, made his first appearance for the season after a groin injury but had to come off in the 71st minute.

The injury did not trouble him but he admitted he lacked match fitness

Marconi took the field minus injured Youth Socceroo Rod Brown and while Atti Carbone and Mark Jankovics played "blinders" coach Doug Collins will obviously be glad when new imported striker Stephen Winn arrives this week to take the field against Olympic.

Referee Campbell booked Joe Rizzotto and Ricky Budini of Marconi and City's Cole.

OLYMPIC WERE TAUGHT A LESSON By Tom Anderson

Sydney Olympic's impetuous young team was taught a valuable Soccer lesson by a gallant and honest Brisbane Lions at Pratten Park on

Now after being held to a scoreless draw by the Queenslanders the Olympians must surely realise there is no substitute for self-discipline as well as team discipline on the field

No matter how much time coach Tommy Docherty puts in on the training track with his players and no matter how long he talks to them, they're on their own when the whistle sounds to start the game

And it's here where they fell apart, against this brilliantly or-ganised Lions team, with a performance that cost Olympic

two valuable home points.

But before going any further it must be pointed out that Lions coach Simon Kistemaker read the situation to perfection

and his tactics were brilliant. Lions smothered all Olympic's efforts to go down the middle and Olympic was too impatient and impetuous to breach the barrier

All it needed was midfielders



Jim Patikas

Peter Raskopoulos or Peter Katholos to put a foot on the ball, cool it and open the game

on the Banks. But in their anxiety to get on with the game at a hundred miles an hour they failed in this and their team paid dearly for

Also the failure of top striker Marshall Soper to saddle up for the second half leaves little for

the imagination.
The bold Marshall will need to learn and learn very quickly that to be a big star needs the ability to "die" for your team at

If any outstanding players

are to be selected from this game then both goalkeepers -Gary Meier and Nigel Lownds must receive a special mention.

Both of them pulled out all the stops when required in the second half. Also impressive were Lions midfielders Steve Hogg and Russell Stewart and Jim

Patikas who tried hard without much help in midfield for Olympic

After the game Olympic coa-ch Tom Docherty said he was

disappointed and rightly so.
"However you've got to hand it to Lions for their organisation they did well." declared The Doc.

Lions coach Kistemaker said he was proud of his team.

The hard work is beginning to pay off and they played well



Peter Raskopoulos makes a dash for Olympic but Steve Hogg (Lions) blocks his path.

West Adelaide coach Alan Vest paid tribute to 18-year-old Brenton Hiern after he had close-marked Woilongong's international striker. Phil O'Connor, out of the match at Ziems Park.

The game ended in a 1-1 draw after the Westad side looked likely to grab the three points through a fluke goal.

The main reason the visitors went home with a point was because young Hiern carried out Alan Vest's instructions to the

"I told him to follow O'Connor everywhere, and the lad did this very well for a player with just four NSL games under his belt," Vest said.

Hiern did a great job on O'Connor and even when the Socceroo winger did manage to get the ball across, the tall Westad defence had little trouble By Phil Murphy

getting it clear.

With O'Connor's flair blunted, and Roy Cotton given little room, Wollongong had little to offer up

It was midfielder, Jeff Ainsworth who got the equaliser for Wollongong with just four minutes to play, his first since joining the club.

Ainsworth headed home on the far-post after Cotton beat two defenders on the right wing with some nice close ball-

After a scoreless first half, West Adelaide went ahead with a very strange goal in the 39th minute.

Grahame Heys sent the ball to Mike Brennan who completely miskicked an attempt at goal and as the ball headed towards the left corner flag, Steve Atplanted it into the home team's net.

The goal came minutes after Jim McBreen had missed a great chance to put Wollongong ahead.

McBreen sent the ball wide from a great position after Cotton did well to head down an O'Connor cross from the right wing.

For Westad, the elusive Heys had a big game but always appeared to lack support, and for Wollon-gong, Ray Vlietstra had another big game and the Wollongong side will probably keep the crowd coming back because of their late rally to save a point.

Both coaches. Wallace and Vest, claimed they should have won the match.

Wallace said: "My players had by far the better of the game and I flet a touch of offside play in the Westad goal. We desparately needed a win to gain con-fidence that my players are presently lacking." Vest said:" We played

better, tactically and were worth the three points."

WOLLONGONG: Preston, Willis, Dunleavy, Vliestra, Pollard, Fleming. Ainsworth, Kerr McBreen (Waldron 62m), O'Connor, Cotton.

WESTAD: Sproul, McGregor, Amey, McGachey, Dunne, Bren-nan, Heys, Atsulas, Wormley, Honeyman (Brown 62m), Hiern.

REFEREE: P. Rampley, CROWD: 2374

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TOP ACTION SOCCER

DIVISION 1

Round 6 — Saturday April 16

Melita Eagles v Bankstown Avala v Auburn

Melita Stadium Knight Park

Sunday April 17

Inter Monaro v Polonia Ku-Ring-Gai v S.S.C. Yugal Blacktown City v Sutherland Shire

Marco Polo Oval Parklands Oval Gabbie Stadium

DIVISION 2

Round 6 — Saturday April 16

Artarmon v Dee Why Revesby Workers v Fairy Meadow Warringah N'been v Penrith United

Artarmon Reserve Jensen Oval N'been Fitness Camp

Sunday April 17

Blacktown United v Uni of NSW Parramatta City v North Bankstown Rockdale v Gladesville Ravens Wollangong United v Belmore

Francis Park Garside Park Hurstville Oval Berkeley Sports Ground

DIVISION 1 Round 7 — Saturday April 23

Polonia v Manly Warringah Cant-M'ville Oly v Ku-Ring-Gai

Chopin Park **Arlington Oval**

Sunday April 24

S.S.C Yugal v Inter Monaro

Fraser Park

Croatia Sydney v Blacktown City Sutherland Shire v Avala

Auburn v Melita Eagles

King Tomislav Park Seymour Shaw Park Mona Park

New premier league club Warlia Wanderers could have something of a surprise package for other teams this season.

They have signed a player just out from Yugos-lavia and he is reported to be a very classy winger. They haven't released his name yet, but he played in a trial against Transkembla and was very im-

pressive.

Warilla, promoted this year, also have signed Vasco Dafkovski from Wollongong United, so could

Vasco Dafkovski from Wollongong United, so could pick up a few Yugoslav supporters this season. Secretary Joe Ramos reports all last season's players are staying with the club and the newcomers will give the side plenty of depth. Warilla's home ground King Mickey Park is a big improvement on what it was a few years ago and the transfer league requirements.

well up to premier league requirements.

They are being backed financially by the Wollongong Spanish Club and Rovira Engineering so are looking forward to a top season.

Coach Joe Moreno has retained his job and claims the team is capable of winning the title first-

up.
"We will again be playing attacking football because our players like to go forward and striker Barry Robinson should again be among the leading goalscorers," he said.

Belgownie first grade coach Dick Evans has been appointed the club's youth co-ordinator this season. He will have 26 junior teams and the three senior sides to look after — arranging sessions with

coaches and players right through the season.

It is a forward move by Balgownie as is the appointment of the experienced Terry Hurley as erve grade coach.

Hurley had to retire as a player because of a recurring back injury and is keen to try his hand at

Former Wollongong City and New Zeeland defender Bill De Graaf has signed with Fairy Meadow.
He was transferred from Ringwood in Melbourne for \$2,000 and will be a big asset to the South Coast

They have started the season in great style and his experience will be a boost to their defence. Coach Mike Johnson had the problem of deciding

who to leave out to put De Graaf into his team. Youngsters Paul Jones and Moritzio Montechhi have been doing a fine job in the middle of the

As Johnson says: "You don't win this competition with just 11 players." It is a long season and he wants to have a strong squad of 14 first grade

players.
"This is a very hard league to win because the lower teams have a habit of causing upsets but we are very confident of success at Fairy Meadow,"

ILLAWARRA

NOTEBOOK

It was an unusual family situation recently when Wollongong United met Rockdale — four players were sent off and two of them were brothers.

Roberto and Paul Giraldi of United were shown

the red card along with two Rockdale players when the game erupted towards the end. To make matters worse for the previously unbeaten United they lost 2-1 and Steve Quirk missed a penalty.

Fortunately for United coach Larry Ashbolt, he has a lot of depth in his side this season and will be able to cover suspensions and injuries quite well.

The Umbro Shield for second division clubs didn't get too much exposure but it went over well on the NSW South Coast.

In preliminary games played in Wollongong the ste takings were \$1,700 after expenses were

It doesn't sound that much but the figure at the Blacktown venue was \$193 for the same number of

Somehow in one series of games the result was a loss of \$39 — while last season Blacktown made \$50 profit and a thief went off with the money while a game was being played!

Robert Banks is ready to go through yet another district season with Bellambi.

Now 38, Banks has been a great club man with Bellambi and despite some serious injuries has

continued to turn out year after year.

He is one of the few players in Illawarra to have stuck with the one club right through his playing

When he could have gone elsewhere and picked up match payments with no trouble, he decided to stick with his old club.

Your articles on the future of the NSL are interesting and constructive even if your repor-ters do not agree on the right way to plan for 1984. At least it is healthy for this very important subject to be given an airing in the top soccer

I hope the administrators explore the subject with equally similar intelligence.

> P. McCarthy, EARLWOOD.

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By Andrew Paschalidis

Goals in the first and last minutes enabled Sutherland to remain at the top of the table with a 2-0 win against Manly.

In the first minute of the game a sweeping run on the right side of the field and subsequent cross by Dal Forno was powerfully headed into goal by

Sutherland maintained their attacking moves but were held out by a determined Manly defence. Manly regained lattitude and a close range shot from Noble was well saved by Haynes. Both goalkeepers had a busy afternoon.

The second half was evenly contested with Andy Scott prominent for Manly.

The issue was put beyond doubt after a massive clearance from Haynes found Webber free on the left flank and he drew the 'keeper and slipped the ball into the back of the net.

Manly were well served by Scott, Knoble, Doyle and Ellis in goal.

Sutherland's best were Clinch up front and the defensive pairing of Dal Forno and Sharfegger. SUTHERLAND: M.

Haynes, B. Cashman, S. Meades, A. Sharfegger, V. Dal Forno, G. Watkins, M. Harrington, J. Webber, N. Groome, C. Rogers, (G. Knowles 82), S. Clinch. MANLY: S. Ellis, B

Doyle, R. Geoghan, K. Falconer, G. Noble, R. Jones, R. Shirman, G. Van Heldon, A. Scott, R. Stuart (T. Smith 79), P. Falconer.

Goals: Sutherland (Clinch 1, Webber 89).

BANKSTOWN opened their account with a convincing 3-1 victory over Canterbury at Ariington Oval.

Canterbury hit the lead early when a cross from Vasikiou was deflected into the net by Rootsey.

After his goal, the game was fought between the midfield combinations of both sides. Minutes before half-time Brown was unlucky not to level the scores when his shot was well saved by El Zien.

Seconds before the break a strong Hantzis header was brilliantly pushed around the post by Giffin.

Early in the second half shots from Brown and Bourke were saved by El Zein. Moments later a fine through ball from Bonos found Vasikiou free, but his attempt was just wide.

In the 67th minute Bankstown levelled. A defensiver mixup found Bourke free and his shot was saved but the rebound was hammered home by Campanella.

in the 75th minute a fine through ball from Brown found Campanella free and he tucked the ball into the back of the

Rootsey sealed the iss-

ue when he converted a penalty after York was brought down inside the

Canterbury were well served by Anagnostopoulos and Binos in defence. Vasikiou tried valliantly

It was a fine team effort from Bankstown. The defence was very solid and the forward line of Bourke, Brown and Campanella was always dangerous.

CANT-M'VILLE: A. EI Zein, T. Antononopoulos, G. Laws, J. Binos, T. Anagnostopoulos, Z. Mickovic, W. Vasiliou, S. Hantzis (J. Basterfield 72), N. Theodorakopoulos, C. Thamnidis (L. Georgiou 81), P. Demet-

BANKSTOWN: S. Griffin, C. Rootsey, R. Agos-tino, A. Beck, C. O'Neill, K. York, S. Blackburn, G. King (G. Hatton 45), A. Bourke, W. Brown, R. Camanella. Goal's: Bankstown

(Campanella 67, 75, Rootsey 80, OG).

BLACKTOWN recorded an impressive 3—1 victory over a determined Auburn at Mona

Auburn almost scored early in the match but were prevented after Freeman pulled off a spectacular save. Blacktown took control of the half and were repayed with two goals.

A clearance from Kilkelly was deflected off McLachian's back, he turned on the ball and slotted it home. Minutes before the break Brogan made it 2-0 after he headed a rebound off the crossbar from a poweful Kirwan shot.

The second half saw a more determined fightback from Auburn. A cross from Carney eluded the despairing dives of Townson and Allen.

Walker put the issue beyond doubt after he latched onto a loose ball inside the area and cracked it home.

Quigley in midfield, McDonald in defence, who was constantly dangerous with his overlapping runs and Townson, on laon from Sydney Olympic), stood out for Auburn.

The defensive combination of Pointer and Turnbull proved to be unbeatable. Stoddart controlled the midfield and Walker was always

a threat up front. BLACKTOWN: P Freeman, R. Wheatley, T. Rasmussen, W. Turnbull. P. Brogan, C. Pointer, S. Selvage (M. Quarmby 72), J. Stoddart, B. Walker, M. McLachlan, P. Kirwan.

AUBURN: D. Bowman.

C. Quigley, T. Kiikelly, J. Planinic, C. Progomella, M. Dale, L. Lunt, C. Townson, J. McDonald, R. Carney, R. Allen (J. McCranor 73).
GOALS: Blacktown (McLachlan 37, Brogan

44, Walker 73).

Melita scored their best win of the season against a strong Avala 1-0 at Mailta Stadium.

it was action right from the start. Early in the game Jamieson combined with Farrugia only to see the latter's shot sail over the bar. Moments later a delicate scissor kick from Burrows flew over the bar. The remainder of the half was highlighted by constant attacks on goal from both sides.

Early into the second half Melita hit the lead after a brilliant combination of passing from the forward line saw McKie hit the ball into the back of the net.

Avala didn't give in and were always dangerous in the search of the equal-iser but were held back by the rock solid Melita defence. A free kick outside the penalty area from Muniz just cleared the

Muniz, Burrows and Milne were prominent for Avala.

Jamieson, Farrugia and Duarte stood out for

MELITA: A. McPherson, R. McPherosn, M. Cross, P. Daley, R. McGinn, H. Martinez, D. Duarte, A. Jamieson (Ankudinoff 80), D. Allan, R. Farrugia, J. McKie.

AVALA: P. Ahrens, J. Lembryk, S. Deller, M. Barton, Patterson, G. Milne, H. Hosseni (Anderson 62m), P. Burrows, A. Muniz, Fernandez (R. Yousuph 83), B. Karan-

Goals: Melita (McKie

CROATIA celebrated Croatian National Day with a 1-0 victory against a talented Monaro before a crowd of 2,500.

The game was played hard with six yellow cards issued. The strong Monaro defence held out the constant attacking raids from Croatia.

Croatia hit the lead in the 81st minute after Carrizzo crossed from the right side and Kovacic met the ball with a powerful header.

Minutes before Monaro had an opportunity to hit the lead but Vieri's open shot at goal was wide.

With minutes remaining a shot from Arnold and a header from Savor were both cleared off the

... Woods, Arnold and Car-



Robert Campanell, who starred in last weekends game for Bankstown against Cant-M'ville with two fine goals.

rizzo were Croatia's best

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The Monaro defence was outstanding. Arquero was a constant menace up front.

CROATIA: S. Watson B. Woods, D. Tomasic, M. Kovacic, B. Vidaic, D. Rezo, W. Savor, L. Sterrey, P. Hensman (M. Holloway 60), G. Arnold, R. Car-

INTER-MONARO: G. Curcic, C. Lieth, A. Charles, J. Santonlin, M. Francis, B. Godzik, A. Monterosso, B. Willcox, R. Popovic (R. Vieri), A. Reis, J. Arquero.

Goals: Croatia (Kovacio

POLONIA and Ku-Ring-Kal shared the points at Chopin Park in a 1-all draw.

The first half produced delightful Soccer from both sides. Both goalkeepers weren't under any real threat due to the strong defensive play.

Polonia struck the first blow when Gilkel volleyed a cross from the right flank. Five minutes later Berry levelled the scores after he leapt up and headed the ball into goal from a free kick.

Both sides pushed for the winner with prompt counter attacks being constantly used.

Grossas played safely in defence and Kowalczyk and Smith in attack all had great games for

Antman provided a brilliant display of goalkeeping for Ku-Ring-Gai. Eaton was always ngerous and Leak had a fine game before he was substituted.

POLONIA: I. Barker, I. Garlowski, R. Geekie, A. Galas, M. Czelisk, C. Ortega, J. Terre (D. Thomas 75), A. Crossas, Z. Garlowski, H. Kowalczyk, K. Smith.

KU-RING-GAI: P. Antman, D. Kevern, D. Hammond, T. Jesse, A. Robertson, M. Berry, T. Bertram, A. Brockbank, S. Regan, C. Eaton, S.

GOALS: Polonia (R. Geekie 46), Ku-Ring-Gai (M. Berry 51).

MARCONI SIGNS **JAMES**

Bruce James, an Australlan representative, has been signed up by Marconi on loan for the rest of the season.

Footscray were also interested in James. Marconi find them-

selves in the position of having two top class goal-

David Lee's super squad is already proving its worth with the Blacktown Soccer club.

Russell Gendle came on as a replacement for the third grade side.

Only 14, a big future is tipped for him in Soccer, as well as in athletics (he was runner-up in the State championships in the javelin event).

Not to be outdone the third grade reserve goalkeeper, Paul Hayward, is 13 years-old, also from the super squad.



NSW State League side Croatia leave for indonesia on Saturday to tional tournament.

The tournament marks the celebration of the Independence of Indonesia. Croatia will be playing two or possibly three games over six days. ***********



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WEEKEND RESULTS

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CantM'villev Bankstown	1-3	3-3	3-0
Poloniav Ku-Ring-Gai	1-1	0-1	1-0
Croatia Sydneyv Inter-Monaro S'erland Shirev Manly W'ingah	1-0	4-3	1-0
Auburny Blacktown City	0-3	0-3	1-0
Melita Eaglesv Avala	1-0	4-3	2-1
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2ND DIVISION			
Gl'sville Ravensv W'ingah N'Been	1-0.	0-0	2-2
Dee Whyv Uni of NSW	2-1	0-1	1-0
Blacktown Utdv Revesby W'kers	1-2	2-1	1-0
Parramatta Cityv Fairy Meadow Penrith Unitedy Artarmon	2-3	2-2	7-2
Belmorey Rockdale	1-1	1-4	2-4
North B'kstowny W'gong Utd	0-1	1-4	2-1
3RD DIVISION			
Bondi Marinev North Ryde	1-2	7-1	5-1
Lane Cove Utd v Kingsford	1-2	5-0	1-1
Queens Pk E/SvBaulkham Hills Mt Druitt TownvC'belltown City	2-1	5-1	0-4
Bathurst '75vC.S.I.	1-3	1-3	0-2
Gl'sville Hbyv Liverpool Albion	2-2	0-4	2-0
INTER URBAN - 1ST DIVISION		1	II
Eastern Creek v Nineveh Eagle	1422	1-2	3-4
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TOUGH TASK

By Myles Hay

Former Victorian referee Mr A Warrier knew he had a real clash on his hands when he ordered three players from the field in a spiteful match between Lake Macquarie and Maitland at Speers Point.

Lakes won decisively 3-0 after Greg Baldwin had dispatched a hotly disputed penalty kick in the first half.

Lee Sellers just transfered from Lakes to Maitland was the first player to receive his marching orders just before half

time for persistent misconduct.

In the second half Brett Cowburn (Maitland) and Bret Gilbert (Lakes) were

Intense rivalry has existed between these clubs for the past few. seasons resulting in some torrid unsporting battles being waged.

also dismissed.

With a revamped side Hamilton Red Star made hard work of their 1-0 win over Tamworth City at Mayfield Park.

Red Star with much greater territorial advan-

Weston 4 (Taylor 2, Sweeney, Mansley) beat Highfield Azzurri 2 (Lawrence 2).

West Wallsend 1 (Baldwin) beat Bellmont Swansea 0. Hamilton Red Star 1 (Tveski) beat Tamworth City 0. Lake Macquarie 3 (Baldwin, Pichaloff, Caban) beat

Weston were in top scoring form to defeat Highfield Azzurri 4-2 with Graham Taylor notching two goals.

West Wallsend lost

bld for equality.

tage in the opening half

could only show one goal

from Tveski for their

In the second half Tam-

worth settled down and

might have secured a

draw when a shot from

John McCormack found

the net but the midfiel-

der's attempt was from an

indirect freekick and was

Craig Hearfield and Michael Ross stood out

for Tamworth in their

unsuccessful second half

disallowed.

their experienced schemer Adam Durkot, ordered off in the first half against Bellmont Swansea, but still managed to gain a convincing 1-0 win at Blacksmith's where Brett Baldwin scored the important goal before a large crowd.

Marian Czelisk suffered a setback before last weekend's game when news of his father's death in Bialystok, Poland, was relayed to him.

The Polonia club and Soccer followers express their deepest regrets to Marian and his family.

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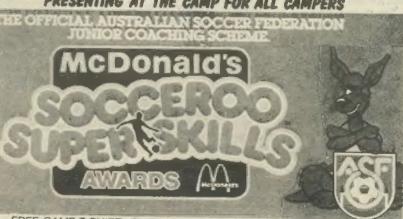
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HASSLES, HAGGLES AS NEW Queensland

With Queensland's new Premier League now well underway, most clubs have finalised their squads but it took the results of several transfer appeals before a few clubs pulled out their cheque books.

Five players, Ken Gordon, Craig Low, Andy Ogden, Dave Gallagher and John Stewart actually played the first round on loan pending the outcome of their appeals but four have since been signed.

The exception is John Stewart, now in the Lions National League team after playing one game in the club's premier league side.

Stewart's appeal against the \$10,000 transfer fee imposed by Mount Gravatt has been held over until this week to allow Mount Gravatt to produce documented evidence in relation to claims about moneys paid to the striker.

Gordon, a former Rothmans Medal winner, appealed against his transfer fee of \$2000 but the Queensland Soccer Federation management committee refused to cut the price tag.

That surprised Gordon's new club lpswich who were hoping for at least some reduction but as it turned out when they went back to Thistle they finally got the striker for \$1750 — ironically fractionally above what negotiations first began

But Gordon is fast paying that back and he scored two goals in each of Ipswich's first two matches — both victories.

Brisbane Olympic played Andy Ogden and Craig By Greg Russell

LEAGUE STARTS

round and the two former Lions players both

Lions listed Low at \$5000 and Ogden at \$2000 but Olympic wanted both in a package deal for about \$4800.

The management committee halved Odgen's fee and listed Low at \$4000.

Olympic eventually bought at \$1000 and \$3750.

The pair played for Olympic in the next Premier League match, which was against Lions, but managed to stay out of much of the "action" which resulted in two players sent-off and several others booked.

Olympic won through an early goal from Tom McGregor — a former Lions player.

Lions player.
Grange Thistle were fairly deperate for a good goalkeeper and probably would have bought Dave Gallagher from Mitchelton at any price.
The Mustangs listed

The Mustangs listed him at \$2000 and were shocked when the management committee cut the fee for the 21-year-old keeper to \$1250.

At that price Grange couldn't act quick enough.

enough.

If the first two rounds were any indication it appears the Premier League will be a repeat of the early days of the State League with Thistle, Mount Gravatt, Easts, Ipswich and now Olympic instead of St George fighting for the top four positions.

The five all won their first two matches and

opened up a break on the seven other sides, which, with the exception of Sunnyside, had picked up no more than a point.

Mount Gravatt, after two rounds, held a slight lead on goal difference thanks to their first round 6-1 thrashing of Taringa, but Olympic's first points, considering their opposition, was a little more impressive

In that regard the clash between Olympic and Mount Gravatt at Godwon Park this weekend should be the match of the round. Other games this weekend include Valley Trident v Sunnyside; Acacia Ridge v Grange Thistle; Taringa v Brisbane City; North Stars v Easts and Lions v Ipswich.



Brisbane Lions have signed another overseas player as the club attempts to get more experience into its side and climb away from the bottom of the table.

The new signing is Scotsman Jim McDonagh. He is reported to be an attacking midfielder or striker who has been playing in the Airdrie first team and, according to Lions officials, scoring goals.

Lions had to pay almost \$5500 for McDonagh, who was expected to arrive in Australia last weekend.

The club is hoping he can slot into the National League team midfield and provide the experience Lions has been lacking in that area of the park.

Nick's bad break

Brisbane Olympic fullback Nick Giovants is unlikely to play again after he broke his kneecap in the Premier League match against Lions.

Giovanis, 30, an Olympic first team regular for the past five years, broke the cap in a clash with Lions striker Clarke Anderson.

Both players went for a high ball and their legs crashed together.

Giovanis had to have a pin inserted in the kneecap and doctors told him to forget about returning to the playing field.

Giovanis did not start playing competitive football until about 23 years of age but was recognised as a reliable if unorthodox fullback.

His injury was one of the two serious leg breaks on the same weekend.

Grange Thistle reserve team striker Joe Andrade 23, broke his leg in a match against Sunnyside.

Andrade fell in a tackle and not only broke the bone in two places but also dislocated his ankle.

But the injuries bought to the fore the benefit of the QSF's compulsory comprehensive insurance scheme — which cost clubs \$1000 a team this season.

- Greg Russell



QSF President Ian Brusasco, State Transport Minister, Don Lane and Brisbane City officials seen toasting the opening of the 4BC Beer Garden at Spencer Park. The radio station has been increasing its soccer coverage substantially in the last two seasons, through soccer reporter, Steve Hill who will also be hosting a tour to Mexico to support the Young Socceroos in June.

S.A. STATE LEAGUE

The SA State League First Division blasts off on Saturday with two potential national regional competition teams clashing.

Azzurri, last season's State League champions and 1983 Ampol Cup winners, are at home to Polonia, Ampol semifinalists and League runners up in 1982.

Croatia, another strong team in the Ampol series until knocked out by NSL side West Adelaide, take on West's reserves on

Saturday.

While the Hawks will have NSL squad players in the line-up — Tim Brown, Stewart Blair and John Panagis — the winners of the Second Division title last year may find the visit to Hanson Reserve tough going.

By Tom McKain

Campbelltown, who came good too late in the Ampol series, visit Elizabeth who, along with West Birkaila and Port Adelaide, were not in the Ampol.

Birkalla are at home to Para Hills, who were expected to star in the night competition, but emerged one of the flops after an opening draw with the West NSL side.

Port are at home to Beograd, another Ampol failure but looking good on paper.

Unless their trial form

and workout games competitive, the teams kicking off without a benefit of runs in the Ampol Cup are expected to drag their feet in the opening round.

The First Division clubs rejected a plan to play for three points for a win, the format being used by the NSL following the success of the system in England.

One reason given for the rejection was that prizemoney at the end of the season is based on points gained and some clubs felt they would be too far behind, as far as victories went, to gain a share of the cash.

SCHEINFLUG SABOTAGED!

From page 1

have to put up with this rubbish.

"Some coaches, controlling top teams in the NSL, lean over backwards to help me.

"Yet other coaches are only concerned about their clubs — nothing else.

"It is a similar situation to the English clubs who have put England's national team so far down the world ladder.

"In Mexico we are going to be hit by the biggest and best in the world. Please give Australia a chance."

I fully sympathise with the national boss.

Why couldn't the Australian Soccer Federation immediately intervene and bar half-fit players from appearing for their clubs until their injuries have cleared up

NOW is the time for such intervention, not in June

WINS CUP
IN TASMANIA
By "Van Diemen"

CROATIA

Croatia-Glenorchy has won its second successive "Michael The Tailor" Summer Cup by beating Olympia 4-2 in Hobart last week.

Phoenix won the Rothmans League section final when it defeated Kingborough 3-0.

Croatia and Olympia reached the final after hard struggles in the semi-finals, both games going to extratime and, in Croatia's case, to penalties.

Croatia beat Juventus-Pioneer 10-9 on penalties after the score was locked at 2-2 at the end of extratime, and Olympia beat Metro-Claremont 2-1 extratime.

The final produced little in terms of good Soccer and Olympia made things easy for Croatia by giving away three easy goals because of disastrous defensive

In the earlier rounds, Croatia had already beaten Olympia 2-1 because of tragic defensive mistakes by the Greek side and the final saw a repeat performance.

Olympia's coach, Brian MacKay, put himself on as early as the 15th minute to try and put his team back on course as they were already 2-1 down. This move had little effect, however, and Croatia

This move had little effect, however, and Croatia increased its lead to 3-1 just before half-time and to 4-1 after an hour.

It was only in the last 20 minutes that Olympia came to life but by them it was a case of too little too late. A penalty for Olympia made the score 4-2 but that's

as close as they got against a Croatia side that punished every mistake.

DETAILS: Croatia 4 (Thomas 2, Cahut, Oakes) beat Olympia 2 (P. Sherman 2), Phoenix 3 (Robinson 2, Hales) beat Kingborough 0.

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THEY'RE BLUE ABOUT By Steve Burns THIS FORM! The NSW Soccer "They do not realise, and unfortunately all too claimed that many times form more thoroughly."

The NSW Soccer Federation's blue-form player registration system was bitterly condemned by long-serving chairman of the ACT Football League, Mr Jerry Martens.

"It is self-destructive and has caused many players to have their careers ruined, "Mr Martens said.

Mr Martens said that the trouble was the blue form was much more than what players — particularly young players realised.

"It is called a player registration form and I know that many sign simply believing it to be that — a registration form,"Mr Martens said:

"They do not realise, and unfortunately all too often are never told, that it is in fact a contract with that club that is accepted by the NSW Soccer Federation.

"The Federation does not insist upon seeing the actual contract before it accepts a player as a contract player with any club.

"If a player signs the blue form, that's exactly what he is — a contract player for clubs to do what they like with."

Mr Martens said it was a ludicrous and unjust situation.

"And I am not speaking from just a casual, brief acquaintance with this system,"Mr Martens said.

Mr Martens has been chairman of the ACT Footbell League for the past seven years and claimed that many times he had received complaints from players coming to Canberra who never believed they were contract players with NSW clubs.

"When it is pointed out that they had signed the blue-form and are in fact contract players they are usually very, very angry," Mr Martens said.

"I want to stress that I know clubs are not doing anything wrong in using the blue-form — at least, that is, as far as the letter of the law is concerned. But surely the spirit and real intent of the law is another matter".

"A young kid shouldn't ever be held ransom for signing the blue form. And I know some will glibly reply that they

form more thoroughly.
"We all know they don't.

"By signing they shouldn't then be used for clubs to ask exorbitant fees — fees that often end a player's career when

meet those fees.

"No Federation should endorse a player as a contract player until it has sighted the contract.

other clubs refuse to

Mr Martens said no-one objected to clubs who had nurtured and developed a youngster getting a just return for such a player on the transfer market.

Mr Martens said the only answer was for Australian Soccer to have a uniform registration system.

"This is something only the ASF can achieve," he said

AUSTRALIA'S YOUNG CHAMPIONS

Lowe . . . Tony Dakos . . . Rod Brown . . . Ray clare himself.
Viletstra . . . these are
just a few of the magic

High p names in Australian Soccer at the moment.

And what's more these are the names that will grab the headlines in the months ahead and in years to come in the game here.

As probably every ASW reader will know, these are all members of the Young Socceroo squad bound for Mexico and the World Youth Cup Finals in a few weeks time.

This is without doubt the team that has captured the imagination of the Australian sporting public - everyone and not just dyed in the wool Soccer aupporters.

Our Young Socceroos are hot property and rightly so.

And it's because of this that it really amazed me to read a comment in the column "From the Pressbox" two weeks ago

I challenge this coach my McCulloch . . . David to stand up and be counted, to come out and de-

Here again is the perfect example of one of the many things that's wrong with the game in this country.

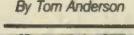
Let's face it, this Young Socceroo team has performed wonders and against all the odds has qualified for the WYC Finels in Mexico.

Probably more than anyone else, I have written about the deeds of this team and featured the fine players that play

I take pride in this and I will continue to do so at every available opportunity.

The public at large want to read and learn about these young heroes and as far as I'm concerned they shall.

For this coach to come out and declare that the Young Socceroos are not world class at Youth level





Australia's Youth coach, Les Scheinflug, flanked on the left by Sydney Olympic's Tony Dakos (defender) and Jimmy Patikas, also from Olympic. Patikas is Australia's ace-attacking midfielder.



Australia's 1983 World Youth Squad. These are the lads that will carry Australia's green and gold colours into the giant Mexican Azteca Stadium.

Left-back, Joe Rizzotto, from the Marconi club. Joe a great defender and a magnificent passer of the ball. With a twist of his ankle, Joe can turn defence into attack knocking great balls up front.

The Young Socceroo team has brought pride and credibility to Australian sport by qualifying for Mexico.

Both on and off the field these kids have behaved in a manner that

can only be described as magnificent.

They are our Young Champions and will perform with distinction in Mexico in June, despite the ravings of a gutless coach who obviously feels otherwise.

Left midfielder, Fabio Incantalupo. "Fab" is from-the Victorian State League club, Juventus. He together with Patilus also represented Australia in the W.Y.C. in 1981. These two are easily the most experienced squad members.

where a Sydney NSL conch attempted to discredit the performance and ability of this fine young

This fellow told the Editor that these talented and highly-rated youngsgrabbing too many head-

This individual mouned that certain press men were making these players into superstars and that they didn't deserve this praise as they were not rated at world level in the Youth division.

What really angered me and I'm sure many other fair-minded people was that this coach asked the Editor not to name him.

is complete balderdash.

Has he watched them play in top world company in far away places such as Mexico or Costa Rica? I think not.

Someone who has, however, is 1978 World ters "are getting too Cup-winning coach much publicity" and were Cesar Luis Menotti the ex-Argentinean national coach now with Bar-

> And Menotti declared to me - in front of many witnesses - that in his opinion the Young Socceroos are in the top five of Youth teams in the world.

> This comes from a man who has seen most of the world's top youths in action throughout the world in the past two years.

lasting cry that comes from the clubs and ad-I would rather accept Menotti's rating than that ministrators about the of a coach who probably press not promoting playhas spent the past year or so here in Sydney and a ers into personalities. coach who hasn't the

backbone to put his name

Faceless

now, some coaches in

Australian football have been trying to breed a race of introverted

How many times have

you, for instance, gone to

a game and come away

from it wondering who

was the faceless per-former behind the

Then there is that ever

For a number of years

to a statement.

players.

number?

The truth of the matter is there are clubs and coaches who only want to read their own names spread across the sports pages

And, as soon as the players take over — they don't like it one little bit.

In his column the Editor was perfectly correct when he stated that the media can't win in this situation.

Well, here's one press man who intends to continue to feature our brilliant young stars or indeed any other fine young players who deserves a



Australia's Youth Team captain, Tommy McCulloch, on plays in the midfield, but for Australia, Tommy fills in the sweeper's role from where he controls all attacks and defence. the ball. McCulloch is from the Marconi club where he

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ASW'S PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

ALLAN MAHER

Allan Maher seems to be the forgotten man of international soccer - and he's not at all happy about that.

By David Jack .

Maher claims - and

who would disagree ?-

that goalkeepers, unlike

field players, get better with age and experi-

ence He has no hesita-

tion in stating that he is

now playing as well as

He told me : "In Aus-

tralia, we seem to do ev-

erything differently from

other countries. Eng-

land's outstanding goal-

keepers, Shilton, Cle-

mence, and Corrigan,

are all well into their 30's

And who was the best

goalie in the World Cup

Tast year ? Dino Zoff, a

sprightly 40 year-old.

who earned rave reviews

with the Cup winners,

"In Australian soccer,

some people seem to think you're getting old

once you pass the 25 years mark. They im-

agine youthful en-

thusiasm is all-important.

On the contrary, en-

thusiasm gets a young

goalkeeper nowhere: in

fact, it can get him into strife. Experience is what

"When I was interviewed on television re-

cently, I may have given

some viewers an incor-

rect impression about

my international future 1

DID NOT say I was no

longer interested in play-

ing for Australia. The

point I was trying to get

over was that I was not

holding my breath wait-

ing to be picked for the

Socceroos In other

ALLAN MAHER

really counts

he has ever played

NSW and, of course,

Australia

The tall, thin, Marconi goalkeeper, nicknamed "spider" for fairly obvious reasons, wants to play for Australia again, even though he is starting to wonder if he will ever get a recall

Maher, who has played 39 times for Australia and who was in the national squad for World Cup matches in 1974, 1977 and 1981, was made one of the scapegoats for the elimination of Rudi Guten-dorf's Socceroos from the 1982 World Cup

Yet Maher was NOT in Australia's goal for the one match which really shattered all Cup hopes . the 2 -- 0 defeat by New Zealand at the Sydney Cricket Ground

On that miserably momentous occasion. Australia's goal was guarded by Greg Woodhouse The unforlunate Woodhouse was pilloried for his contribution to Australia's deleat Yet Greg Woodhouse has been forgiven. He is back in favour and in the national squad Maher has been treated less

It could be that 'Spider's" age is against him. He has been around a long time, ever since he started out as an amateur in Western Suburbs reserve team in 1966 Maher is now 32 -the ideal age for a goal-Keeper

Since his first tentative steps at Wests, he has played with great distinction for Granville, Sutherland Shire, Marconi

THE SPIDER IS KEEN TO **PLAY AGAIN**



ALLAN MAHER IN ACTION

words, I did not expect to be called into the training camp. However, if the call comes, I will be delighted to answer it

"I cannot say I fear the challenge from other goalkeepers in the National Soccer League. The all-round standard is nothing special. I am pleased that Greg Woodhouse is back in favour because, right now, he is probably the goalie with the best potential Terry Greedy also has considerable potential but he has been rushed into the squad prematurely. He was selected for Australia after only three games in the NSL. Has any goalkeeper ever had such promotion? They are taking a big risk with this boy If he plays against England in the first tour match, it will be a testing time for him --- particularly after the two defeats from New Zealand It is not the ideal atmosphere

for blooding new talent " Allan Maher would lap up the challenge of the English invasion and would certainly not have

any worries on the score of nerves. He has seen it all before It is nothing new to the "spider" But even if he never

again gets the opportunity to play for his country Maher will remain one of the outstanding characters of Australian soccer

In the coaching field, he is doing line work, conducting advanced coaching courses for youngsters who have above-average ability These courses are held every week at Pennith the Hills area and Parramatta. He has built up a clientele of some 70 young players and shares the coaching chores with his former World Cup team-mate

Doug Utjesenovic When he is not playing or coaching, Maher runs a thriving sporting goods business at Merrylands Mall It is called "Unis-

Yes, Allan Maher is a busy chap But he'd like to be even busier-

guarding Australia's goal in three international matches against England in June.

AUSTRALIA FOR 1988 OLYMPICS!

By Steve Burns

Australia is to field a team in an Olympic Games — probably in 1988, the ASF's new commercial director, Mr Peter Sheean, revealed in Canberra last week.

Mr Sheean said Olympic officials had said that there was no earthly reason why Australia could not field a Soccer

"I was amazed that a sport that has had its 100th birthday in Australia had entered only one Olympic competition," Mr Sheean said.

"We won't be at the Olympic Games in 1984 but we are aiming for

Mr Sheean added he had no hesitation in claiming that if Australia made even the quarter finais of the World Youth Cup in Mexico in June it was the greatest sporting achievement by an Australian team for the past

20 You look at the number of countries who compete against us in other competitions - like Rugby League, Rugby

Union, or Cricket for example and then look at the number who com-peted in the World Youth Cup: just getting to the finals is a magnificent

"At the finals you can measure the audience in billions"

Sheean also main-tained that Soccer in Australia, despite its 100year-history, was still not giving the Australian sporting public what it

'By that I mean it still stands aside from things Australians accept as a matter of course - like grand finals, "Mr Sheean

"It's just not good enough saying that because it doesn't happen in Europe or other countries it shouldn't happen here.

'We know in Sydney in

recent rounds that Rugby League crowds have averaged 5,000 or a little better when Soccer has averaged 3,460 nation-

"That's 65 per cent of League's attendances yet compare their media

coverage with ours.
"I believe by going about marketing the product more professionally and with more planning we can succeed in boosting Soccer's image in Australia".

Mr Sheean then streesed that whatever happened with the reconstruction of Soccer here there would still be a national competition even if it was divided in

"But only about four people know the plans at this stage — so ignore all the speculation."

"No one has yet got it right," Sheean said.









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West Adelaide, after too many years in the doldrums, are challenging for the 1963 NSL premiership — but they're copping plenty of criti-cism for defensive tactics.

When St George played Westad at Hindmarsh, Saints coach Frank Arok said the South Australians lined up with two full-backs, two centrebacks and a sweener.

Arok, however, refused to blame West Adelaide coach Alan Vest for

That is the situation

facing Victorian women

soccer players this see-

son where membership is dropping off like files. it was revealed in Mel-

bourne recently that it

was possible there would

be only one division play-

ing this year instead of the three divisions set up

The reasons given is

It has been argued that

no association would allow any newcomer to the

code to play against ex-perienced teams who

have so much talent unless it was in a 'friend-

ly game.
Unless a player started at the top, with a top team in Victoria, it was claimed that it would be far better

to play a sport where

competition is more even.

"We all play sport for the love of the game", said one player, "but we

are not professionals and it is hard to love a sport

where you get thrashed at regular intervals."

only have one division

was a backward step.

with the games being

turned into circus events

with the top teams having

all the fun and the under-

dogs becoming the

Dissention amongst

players and disinterest by

parents and spectators

would be the result of a

one division competition,

claimed another organ-

The domination of the

two top teams must stop if the Victorian associa-tion is to survive and the

Victorian president has an idea that could save it.

His thoughts were that any side should not con-

tain more than five State or ex-State players at the

My thoughts on the

matter seem to dwell on the situation that has

been allowed to develop

Why was this situation

not seen earlier and

something done about it

like a snowball.

one time.

victims.

It was claimed that to

for the 1982 season.

lack of players.

Saints' 1-0 defeat.

'We had twice as many goalscoring chances as our opponents but didn't put the ball in the net. That's our fault entirely," said Arok.

* * * After their miserable 0-0 Wembley result against Greece, England cannot afford to flop in their three matches in Australia in June.

England team manager Bobby Robson is already out of favour with plenty of English fans ... and

Women in Soccer

What happens to an associa-

tion's competitions when all of

the best players are concen-

he's only been in the job a few months

Robson is trying desperately to get clubs to re-lease their stars for the Aussie tour but the top clubs are more interested in arranging their own tours than worrying unduly about Robson's problems.

If the Youth Socceroos want to know what sort of opposition they'll face when they meet Scotland in the World Youth Championship, they should be interested in the Scotland v Switzerland Under 21

Scotland won 2-1, with both of their goals coming from Aberdeen centre-forward Eric Black.

Black is still young enough to play in the - even though he's a star at Under 21 interna-

Despite pressure from some quarters for Australia to field only Australian-born pláyers, Frank Arok was not swayed when he picked his 22-man squad to face

England
"If you're building for

the future, you can bene-fit from the keen national pride of locals," said Arok, "but when you want to win a couple of prestige games, you pick your best players.

Arok also pointed out that foreign-born players had done great things for Australia in the past. He's right. Think of Peter Wilson, Adrian Alston, Manfred Schaefer, Jimmy Rooney, Les Scheinflug, Johnny Watkiss, Doug Utjesenovic, Allan Marnoch, etc. etc.

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David Mitchell can breath again.

The big Socceroo and Sydney City striker has had an operation for sinus trouble which hampered life breathing

He had a similar operation four years ago, and is hoping this was the final visit to the surgeon's table.

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Congratulations Sydney Olympic on setting a trend other NSL clubs would find hard to follow.

Obviously Canberra wasn't too far to travel over the Easter period for a Saturday night floodlit game. But Sydney Olympic supporters were all grouped in one part of the National Sports Centre main stand.

I mean spectator support.

Their number — anywhere from 350 to 500. And they certainly made themselves heard.

Footscray coach Bobby McLachlan sees his task as gradually building a more combative team which will go forward to score with greater regularity than in the past

He is looking for the re-turn of Vlatko Belic as a step in the right direction, and the addition this year of Gus McLeod and Kenny Taylor as beneficial

The club worked hard to bring in funds before the season and gained from the Zoran Ilioski transfer. so that means they will be ready to sign a midfielder of class when the opportunity comes along

* * * There is no doubt that Leichhardt can face the future with a deal of confidence in the players they have brought through the

Fullback pair Paul Carter and Mark Brown and midfielder-winger Robert De Ceglie are only 20, and lan Gray, who is destined to play a big part in the Strikers' defence, is 19

Other first team regulars Arno Bertogna, Mark Pullen, John Bradley, Greg Woodhouse, Peter Tredinnick and Bas Giampaolo should also have long careers ahead of them

Problems for Victorians

By Don Balmain

trated in two teams? started dropping, (if, in fact, that is the situation)?

No matter what code is played, there will always be a 'top-dog' with the corresponding cowed and humbled team at the other end of the scale but how often has it been seen that the so-called 'bunny', the team that is an easy-best for all to score against, auddenly turns the tables and does the seemingly impossible thing by toppling the leader off his perch?

Several years ago, the Northern Territory girls were the easy beats of the National Championships. The other States could always rely on building up their goal averages when the Territorians were played.

Yet the girls from the north, no matter how many they were beaten by, always came up with a grin, always with the vow that they, too, would one day be int he winning position.

With far less potential to choose from than the scope of the Victorian association, the Darwin and Alice girls have had their wins at last and they did so on their own merits and not by saying that the champion team should be hobbled or blind-folded

when they played them. I agree that on paper, the two top teams playing in the Victorian first division, would probably up the whole of the state side, but for how

long? Father Time has a habit of catching up with top athletes and there are always those ready to move into the top spot.

Encouragement of junior players has only caused the code to benefit in other states. Unless the junior element of any organisation is helped and fostered, it is like watching a flower that has been broken off

at the base. Looking at the latest chart sent to me by the VWSA I see that there are

16 teams playing in two

divisions. At a guestimate, this would represent about 180 players in the association at the close of the soccer year in December.

Nine years ago, one of the Sydney based associ-ations started operation with almost exactly half this number.

Last year this organisation closed its books at 500 players in five divi-

it,too, had a top dog team for several years which has now been toppled as age and creaking limbs caught up with top

Encouragement and recognising talent at school level has developed this association into probably the best organised in Sydney.

Surely the moral for the Victorian girls must be to start and catch 'em young. A firm base will always support tall structures

To finish off this somewhat serious column this week, I have a tale told to me by Jim Delaney, the Secretary of the Long Reef United women's club in the Manly-Warringah, (Sydney) competition.

Jim's club originally started from an off-shoot in another club two years ago and has done very well for themselves in competition play.

This year u.e Long Reef women's club is sponsoring two BOYS teams in the local Manly-Warringah men's association competitions.

These lads are brothers and friends of the girls in the club and they will be starting off with two under 12 teams but here is the catch: two of the girls from winning teams last year will be playing with the boys to show them the ropes!



Triccia Fleissig plays for the popular Sydney Olympic girls team.

Triccia is a strong defender and has been playing Soccer for three years.



In this spot every week, we shall publish extracts from readers' letters — good or bad! If you want your opinions aired, please keep letters and postcards

short and to the point
Write to The Editor, AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEK-LY, 261 Broadway NSW 2007

I would like to respond to your article 'la Soccer iosing it's Appeal' in a recent edition of ASW.

Although attendances at Soccer matches around the world are dwindling, the fact remains that when the Soccer is exciting and full of incident, there is no greater sporting spectacle. So, if the fans can be assured of seeing an entertaining game on most occasions, they will return to the terraces. If they see an unentertaining game, they will stay away.

Administrators must make alterations to the game itself, so that it is more likely to be worth watching more often. There will always be poor matches, no matter what anyone does.

I believe the following changes to be worth considering.

Firstly, and most importantly, the size of the

It is only a freak of history that they are the size they are. Had the game first been legislated on the Continent instead of in the U.K., the goal sizes would have been metric. In all likelihood they would have been 8m, wide by 2.5m, high.

I believe that if the goals were increased (and it is only a marginal one) to the above dimensions, the following advantages would occur.

1. There would be more goals scored. The ratio of goals scored to chances created would increase by a small percentage (as a rough guide, every shot which now hits the bar or posts would enter the net).

2. The better team on the day would almost always win. The better team always creates more chances, but does not always score more goals. A small re-adjustment in the ratio of goals to chances, which a small increase in goal size would effect, would mean that the and result would more accurately make: pattern of play. Justice would be done!

3. Teams would be given the incentive to attack. No longer would a team be likely to survive 90 minutes without conceding a goal. Defensive tactics would become less effective than offensive tactics.

4. The most technical improvements in goalkeeping which is one of the main reasons for goal starvation (the absent ten's main symptom) would be counteracted in a small way. There would still be plenty of spectacular saves, but the goalkeeper's effect on the game would not be quite so disproportionate.

5. The skills of the striker would be rewarded

I would also make two alterations to the offside

1. A player cannot be offside direct from a goal kick (as is now the case from a throw-in). This would go some way to preventing the unettractive situation where at goal kicks 20 players are all within a thin strip either side of the half way line.

2. A player cannot be offside unless he actually plays the ball. This would do away with the confusing and frustrating "interfering/not interfering with play" dilemma which referees have to contend with. Many otherwise perfectly legitimate goals are disallowed because someone happens to be offside who had no bearing on the goal whatsoever. This rule would also make the offside trap harder to work.

Finally, I would make two new rulings regarding goalkeepers

I would do away with the three-step rule (which was totally ignored by World Cup goalkeepers and referees anyway) and insert a ruling which states that once the keeper has control of the ball, all attackers must allow him to dispose of it unimocobo

As a quid-pro-quo, and also to prevent that dreary time-wasting tactic used by some teams towards the end of a game, introduce the following rule:-

That the ball may not be passed to the goalkeeper by a member of his own team until a member of the opposing team has touched the ball since the 'keeper last played it."

None of these suggestions alters in any way the spirit or the style of the code. They are not gimmicks either. As a package, they would immediately improve the entertainment value of the game.

Thanks for your time. Good luck with ASW.

David Nettleton, YOLLA, TASMANIA

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Tony Vella hits back

By Peter Desira
TONY VELLA has hit
out at Sunshine
George Cross after
making a swift exit
from the club on the
eve of the State
League kick-off.

The coach was placed under tremendous pressure and given title time to establish a side after the merger of the two clubs in the close

The club was knocked out of the Dockerty Cup by Footscray's second division side but had reached the Buffalo Cup semi-finals prior to that.

"Considering the players I had at my dispose! I was surprised we went that far

"The supporters want too much too soon and are not prepared to wait even one season to build themselves a strong side

"All their attention is geared twoards beating Green Gully

"But they should be men enough to realise that to get anywhere you have to start somewhere slowly and painfully

"In top football, without the material you can't have a team. "In other words you can't suck blood out of a stone."

Vella has been replaced by Tommy Traynor, imported from Scotland with a ton of experience at playing level

McArthur's problems

BILLY McARTHUR recognises he has two similar type of players in ian Dobsom and Steve McCombe at Croydon City but philosophically says that problems are there to be solved

"You have to base your team around the squad that you've got," McArthur said

"I don't have a sweeper but I have two good stop-

"We have tried to work the situation out by playing a double centre half system and it has been working quite well

"Up until the deteat against Juventus we had played some 13 matches in which we only conceded six goals so the pair have got to know each other and cannot be blamed for our uncertain start to the league."

Croydon was the only ciub not to pick any points from the opening two matches but then got off the ground with a 3-1 win over Sunshine George Cross

"We are in a false position in the lower half of the table. We've put ourselves under a bit of pressure but I'm not unduly worned - we can only go one way and that is up." McArthur said

CLUB PRESIDENT IS SUSPENDED

By Fred Villiers

IT was the end of an era in Victorian Soccer last week.

John Barcley, the man who led the successful Australian, national team to the World Cup finals with coach Rale Rasic in 1974, was suspended by the Victorian Soccer Federation.

The same man only less season was president of the Frankston City State League club.

And the same man stood in opposition to Michael Weinstein for the chairmanship of the VSF at the Federation's annual meeting in November.

John Barclay, former national team manager, former Victorian State team manager and for a while chairman of the VSF, had been told he could no longer participate in any affairs of the Victorian Soc-

cer Federation through any member club.

it all happened when Frankston City collapsed 48 hours before the kick-off of the Metropolitan League last month.

The federation was so hurt by the shock decision it ordered an investigation into the affairs of Frankston City.

it was the Tribunal who recommended that the president, Mr Barclay, and the club's secretary, Les Smith, be suspended from taking part in all activities of the VSF

The board of management endorsed the Tribunal's recommendation.

and its member clubs.

As a result of Frankston's withdrawal from the top division in the Metro League, a bye occurs every week.

The Federation

were unable to reallocate fixtures and the notification of Frankston's closure came too late to call for applications for the vacancy.

in other words, the league was caught with its pants down and nothing could be done about it.

For some time the Bayside club had been in financial troubie. They were struggling to pay players and in the end most of their stars left on free transfers because their contracts were not honoured.

Mr Barclay is a life member of the VSF. This means he will still be able to attend games as a spectator as long as he doesn't participate in any club activity.



Arthur Xanthopoulos, the dynamic South Melbourne midfleider, shoots and the ball skims Marshall Soper's boot.

This is just some of the action which is bringing back the Middle Park Stadium's lost crowds in recent weeks of National League Soccer in Victoria.

Because of Arthur's skills on the ball, newcomer John Yzendoorn from Heidelberg, is finding it hard to obtain a permanent place in the South Melbourne side.

But a continued good performance from South like we've seen in recent weeks will ensure a place for them at the top of the league this year, and who knows, it could be South's year for the

Photo by Australian Soccer Weekly photographer JOHN PUNSHON.

Murray — the quiet achiever

By Peter Desira

BILLY Murray could be excused for looking down smugly from among the leaders in the State League at the critics who wrote off his young Box Hill team before the season had even ticked off.

But the actute coach is not getting carried away despite the side's great start to the season - which included two wins and a draw from the opening three games in the League.

"We've got a long way to go," Murray said.

"I'm happy with what we've achieved so far but we cannot seriously be considered for a piace anywhere near the top by any stretch of the imaginatiom."

Murray has accepted Scott Patterson's decision not to stay with the club and says he would not want an unhappy player to disrupt the great team spirit that exists at the club at the moment.

The coach says new recruit Alan McKenna should easily fill the hole left by Patterson.

McKenna, who has been with Millwall in England and Berwick Rangera in Scotland, arrived last week to start a two year contract with the club.

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Bobby's job is in no danger



By Peter Desira

FOOTSCRAY coach **Bobby McLachian still** has the backing of the committee despite the side's bad start to the season in which it conceded nine goals without gaining a point in the opening three matches.

"The executive and myself are all behind Bobby and he is under no

pressure from us," Footscray president Jack Karic said this week.

The club's supporters naturally are not happy but we've had a tough start to the season and you can't really expect results against South Melbourne and Preston," Karic added

The president said he "half expected" a loss against both although

getting beaten 1-4 both times was "a bit too much.

This week the club travels to Queensland where the side has never found it easy to get points. Its apponent will be fellow struggling club Brisbana Lions.

Karlo said that the side still needs two quality players and the money from the transfer of Zoran litoski will be used soley to strengthen the squad



RALE RASIC has ruled out any chances of using expensive signing John Yzendoorn in the club's State League side white the player waits for his chance to break into the **NSL** team

Yzendoorn is not regletered with the VSF but in any case I did not buy him to play in the State League," Rasic said.

Yzendoorn transferred from Heldelberg to South for 15,000 dollars but had not played a full game in the NSL after three weeks with the club.

Resic believes only a fool changes a winning team and has stuck to that principle even though he has not been totally pleased by a couple of recent performances "We had a good result

egainst Footscray but I was not too happy by the way we played . We had

quite a few great op-portunities that we missed.

"At present we are playing to about 60 per cent of our capabilities

"We are not as yet in top swing. The best is yet to come," the supremo

On the other hand Rasic is quite happy by the attitude of the players towards the club and the game in general at present

The discipline is A1 The players are showing a great responsibility at

The competition is enormous and is keeping the players on their toes to perform even better.

Arthur Xanthopoulos for example, has never played better and I believe he has benefitted from the enormous pressure that is on him

About the club's re-serve side which has had an uncertain start in the State League, Rasic said 'Our side lost two out of its opening three matches but you've got to remember that we have nine youngsters under the age of 18 in there

Make no mistake, our State League side will be a sound team

'Players in there are at a preparatory stage for our National League side It is where we will draw our players from in the next few years. "With that sort of set-

up we can't go as far as the Melbourne Croatias or the Green Gullys but then again we can't be compared with them on the budget that we operate on Ours is on a much smaller scale

Rovers top signing

By Peter Desira

GERRY CLARK is set signing of the season to become the biggest for Albion Rovers.

The striker was a 50,000 dollar buy by Johnny Giles when he took over at Shamrock Rovers and comes with a big recommendation.

Giles was the midfield maestro in the days when Leeds were the strongest club in England and then had a successful managerial spell at West Bromwich before moving to Shamrock

The only reason behind the delay in Clark's arrival is that Albion has to create a temporary visa vacancy to bring him out from Ireland



SOUTH Melbourne's Tony Kalser beats Mark Wilson, Northcote City's new irish defender, to the ball at Middle Park.

Mark's team-mate and countryman, Jeff Gorman, who arrived shortly before Mark, has returned to Ireland because of his father's audden illness.

Northcote are not certain whether Gor-

man will return but they're hoping. Our picture was taken by Australian Soccer Weekly photographer JOHN PUNSHON.

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Bobby Russell (South Melbourne) stretches to cut out a pass by Theo Selemidis (Heldelberg). The other player is Oscar Crino. Photo by Australian Soccer Weekly photographer JONN PUNSHON.

GARY JOINS ASW

Gary Cutier, a former Albion Rovers defender who came to Australia 12 months ago from Wolverhampton reserves, has joined the Australian Soccer Weekly as Melbourne advertising manager

Gary, who expects to join Morwell Falcons this week, has had experience in advertising in the UK.

He can be contacted on 329 8944. at 220 Stanley Street, West Melbour-ne. After hours: 363 6727.

George looks to England

By Con Nikolopoulos

Canberra City midfielder George Christopoulos has entered the British Parilement, for the second time in two years.

Don't get it wrong, he has not been elected to the Lower House, His Australian citizanahip prevents him from entering English politics as it has preventd him, so far, from making a Soccer career in the old conti-

Things may change, however, for George if English Second Division Club Newcestle United win their appeal to Brittish Parliament against the inefficiency of the Act, restricting Clubs from recruiting foreign players.

Newcastle argue that the Act does not define clearly the conditions pertaining to overseas imports, thus creating confusion about the entitlements of League Clubs to oversess imports.

Due to the inefficiency of the Act, Arsenal have been able to recruit Vladimir Petrovic from Red Star, Yugoslavia, and Newcastle are determined to use this precedent to defend their case.

Newcastle secretary Robert Cushing appeared confident in his letter to Christopoulos, last week, about the outcome of their appeal

"If Arsenal managed to sign Petrovic", says Cushing, "I see no reason at all why we should not be able to bring you to

Christopoulos has a

long association with

In 1981, pending the decision of the British Parliament on his application for work permit, he spent seventh months with Newcastle Manager-Coach Arthur Cox, preparing for the break in to

The refusal of the authorities to grant the work permit halted his plans, but failed to dampen his enthusiasm.

"Of course I am ineter-sted" said Christopoulos. I waited six months in 1961, and I am not going to turn my back on them now. Judging from their letter, I still figure in Cox's recruiting plans and I could be lucky this

How long will it take for the appeal to be heard is anybody's guess at this stage."It could take days, it could take weeks, it could take months" says Christopoulos.

But the time factor does not bother George."They can keep me out of England until December 31, 1984", he

"From January first 1985, when Greek citi zens can move freely to any country of the European Economic Community, I will be able to enter England as a Greek citizen"

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WILSON SAVES!

Sydney Olympic's keeper Peter Wilson dives and saves a goal against South Melbourne, at Middle Park Stadium. Tony Dakos moves in to land a hand just in case Peter fails to grab the ball.
Photo by Australian Soccer Weekly

photographer John Punshon.

GOULOPOULOS SACKS AWAD

AFTER giving Egyptian international Ahmed Awad a tremendous build-up two weeks ago, Heldelberg has now decided it can do without him and has told him to find enother club.

Awad, who represented Egypt 17 times, apparently signed registration forms with the club but then made excessive demands when it came to discussing terms for a one-year contract.

By Peter Desira

President Sam Goulopoulos, tight as they come when dollar signs are involved, nearly hit the roof on hearing the player's demands and got one of his henchmen to tell the lanky striker his days at Heidelberg were over before he had even kicked a ball for the club In active competition.

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South Melbourne's Steve Kakentonis bests a Northcote City player to the ball at Middle Park in a Victorian State League encounter. Photo: John Punshon.

with Augtralian Songer Wealth 15



Peter Raack



Steve Blair



Charlie Yankos

Howard Tredinnick

Michael Boogaard has

been signed by Newcas-

tle this year and Mike

Milovanovic has gone to

North Queensland after

playing in the National

League with Canberra

Not quite so prominent

are Tommy O'Halloran,

South Australian Paul In-

nace and Western Austra-

But what a magnificent

The next group posses-

Steve Blair at that time

sed players of a quality

that was equally startling.

was at Sunshine High

School in Melbourne. He

represented Victoria as a

schoolboy in 1978 and 1979. In the latter year he

gain from the schoolboy

ranks for Australian

and Blacktown.

lian Arthur Sharp.



Gary Phillips



Grant Lee



David Smith



Oscar Crino

AMBITIOUS AUSSIES By Keith Gilmour GO PLACES The ambitious young player in Australia has a greater opportunity than ever to make his mark in the

world-wide soccer code.

Let's look at some of the young schoolboy faces that were around In 1978 and 1979 to prove

In 1978 the Australian Schoolboys team went to America for a short tour.

The following year one particular highlight was a match played by the Australian representive team as early game to Australia v New York Cosmos.

Out of the ranks for these two years came many players who have since made a name for themselves playing for National and State League clubs, the Young Socceroos and also the full Australian Socceroo

In 1978 the Australian schoolboys were coached by Bobby McLachlan, now coach of Footscray. He had a successful period handling Green Gulfy Ajax in the Victorian State League.

Bill Turner of Newcastle was the tour leader and Jack Dodd of Sydney was the manager

It was a tour of mixed results due to unusual circumstances.

Mixed Results

The Australians managed a draw with British Columbia at Vancouver after coming right off the plane.

They had no trouble winning 9-1 against Washington State at Seattle and 4-0 against California at San Francisco.

The Australians led the US national youth team 2-1 when the very young referee completely lost control and the game was wisely called off

Look at the calibre of the players. Peter Katholos has since been voted Australian Playerof-the-Year and Peter Raskopoulos has played for Australia and is a regular with the dynamic Sydney Olympic.

Eddle Krncevic is another Australian player. He is currently making a name for himself in Yugoslavia.

Greg Woodhouse, still 23, is yet another Australian representative.

There was plenty of quality down the line. Charlie Yankos and John Spanos are with Heidelberg, lan Hunter (Marconi), Tony Pezzano and Paul Kay (Sydney City), George Christopoulos (Canberra Arrows).

Danny Moulis would have been with Sydney Olympic but for injury and Malcolm McClelland has played for Newcastle

Regular Place

was captain.

Steve is an anchor man in South Melbourne's defence and has played for Australia both at youth and national level.

He was one of the Australian team who did so well against the cream of the world's youth footballers in the 1981 World Youth Cup.

Then there was Oscar Crino, at present starring in South Melbourne's

Rob Wheatley midfield after playing in Hong Kong. Oscar came from Clayton Technical

School. Grant Lee, after scoring consistently with Sydney City, has been mentioned as a possible gain for the Newcastle Raiders this

His right wing runs are very dangerous. He put his game together with Chatswood High School and Lane Cove juniors on Sydney's north shore.

Gary Phillips, a mid-field ace with Sydney Olympic, came from Coffs Harbour on the NSW North Coast.

He has pointed the way to many country players of the future.

David Skeen was a Berkeley High School boy who went from Dapto in the Illawarra League to St George. Now he holds a regular place for the Saints as right-back.

David Smith is not so well known, but he is a player not to be underestimated. He came from Sydney Technical High School and now is a regular for Riverwood in the NSW State League.

Howard Tredinnick is the Newcastle left-back, who has taken over from former international and

He was left-back for Australia in the World Youth Cup after coming through from Booragul High School on Lake Macquarie and playing for the

His opposite number in-

lian international

Charlie Yankos is a link between the 1978 and 1979 teams. This brilliant defender came from Paisley High School in Mel-

state coach was Connell Byrne, who later went to the United States to further his physical edu-

Other players in this group were Tony Burley, Ross Swan and David Whyte (Queensland). Marcel Radojevic, Peter Raack and Ian Watson (NSW) and Daryl Gooch

World Cup star Bunny

David Skeen

Lake Macquarie club.

the last Australian youth team was Rob Wheatley

Rob played in the Normanhurst High School team that twice won the Tasman Cup (now Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup). From Ku-Ring-Gai in NSW State League he went to the Blacktown

He is another Austra-

On this occasion the cation career.



Peter Raskop pulos

This year the Australian Youth team, which includes the next major group to have come through the Australian schools system, go to Mexico for the World Youth Championship finals.

They have come a long

way already, and many of them are with National Soccer League clubs.

Their careers also will be watched with interest as Australian youngsters forge their way further and further ahead in

Your help is needed

AUSTRALIAN SOC-CER WEEKLY is poised to increase its cover of junior and schools soccer from two to three or even four pages in each issue. We are also looking for

plenty of country news as All that is required is more information from clubs, associations and

schools Now that the junior season is under way there is plenty of scope for officials, coaches and players to let us have their

We are vitually interested in the top class juniors right through to the youngest teams in the least experienced divi-

Sions in NSW alone there are the clubs in the "Attack" Youth League, the Inter-District teams and the thousands of club teams in the various Associa-

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☐ This bright young bunch comes from Chuilora Soccer Club in the Bankstown United

Their happy demeanour signifies their success in Bankstown's under 13 division 3 competition,

and this year they are playing in under 14s.

The side from left, back: G. Tucker (manager), S. Tucker, M. Praszczalek, T. Cumerlato, N. Jackson, C. Campbell, Mr. W. Campbell (coach). Centre: C. White, A. Thompson, N. Christophorou, W. Parmer, J. Mikita. Front: P. Gualtiere, L. Gribben, S. Christophorou, E. Gutierrez, C. George

WESTERN NSW SHOWS WAY

Western NSW Branch and secretary Michael Bray on the completeness of their season's plan-

In spite of drought and recession, the seniors and juniors of Western NSW know exactly where their football stands.

All competitions of a special nature have been drafted into the activity calendar.

Subject to any running adjustments that may crop up, everyone in the

Congratulations to west knows just where festern NSW Branch they stand. The west, it seems, is wild and woolly no longer.

The planning includes management committee and general meetings, right through to the annual meeting at the start of TIMM

The NSW Amateur Federation would like to see even the smallest Association planning its season with the same attention to detail that is the case this year in the Western NSW

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FRESH FACES FOR STATE

Two outstanding junior coaches have won positions with this year's NSW mate forms.

The under 14 post has gone to Vince Balzin, who has done well with Melita Eagles' third grade side, Granville club teams and recently with Gladesville-Hornsby representatives.

lan Lloyd of Southern Districts has been appointed to the under 13s.

A former State Lesgue player, he started his career with the Bankstown Association and successfully coached senior clubs in the NSW Federation.

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McDonald's two squads

John McDonald, the Gladesville-Hornsby Regional Director of Coaching, is preparing both the under 14 and 16 representative squads this season.

The U16s comprises a number of the Normanhurst 15-1s who did so well in the NSW Champion of Champions titles last season.

The U14s have seven 1982 players. Two leading players went to Leichhardt and one to Melita Eagles.

Melita Eagles.
Steve Blatchford is the under 15 coach. He has had to make up for one player lost to Leichhardt and another to Auburn.

Brian Tindale, prominent over the years as a coach with Carlingford Redbacks, is looking after the U13s.

He has had to make up the weight after losing three players to David Lee's Blacktown Demons Supersquad.

New Assn wins

The new Macarthur District Soccer Football Association has had a great start in representative football.

Their under 13 team won the Amundsen competition on the Far South Coast, defeating an A.C.T. team in the final.

Teams from four states competed. More details of the competition will appear in our next issue.

SLICKERS OFF AGAIN



Our picture shows the lucky Sydney City under 12 team who toured the United States last December. The young Slickers won all four games played and only had one goal scored against them.

This year a strengthened Sydney City under 11 team will undergo a tour which will give tar greater football experience to the players. They are booked to leave Sydney on August 22 and will play eight matches in three countries — Holland,

Hungary and England. The boys are busy raising funds to meet the teur costs.

The under 12 players shown are: Back row from left: Kurt Merx, Bradley Walker, Paul Lansman, Paul Houseman, Andres van der Stap, Maurice Perez, John Kemeny. Front row: Anthony Kemeny, Carlos Mendoza, Nick Nistasas, Darren Xerri, Ben Sorbello, Steven Thomson. Andrew Kemeny and Steve Serda managed the team and a number of the parents went along.

TURNER CUP

Your school can enter its under 15 soccer team in the Bill Turner Cup if you arrange for the nomination coupon below to be algred and mailed straight away.

Last season the Sydney schools competed in the 2SM Cup and the leading sides went through into the Turner Cup.

This year the state-wide Turner Cup has taken over. In other respects this excellent competition will be conducted similarly.

Sydney entries go to local organiser John Moscovis C/- Epping Bohys High School, Vimeira Rd,

Eastwood 2122.
The Bill Turner Cup is the only competition available to both the private and public education sectors in NSW.

All matches are played

outside school hours, and the first four rounds, at least, will be played at the schools' own grounds.

Later games could be played at major grounds under floodlights.

The competition rules and draw will be mailed to each competing school as soon as the draw is made.

Bankstown Boys High School defeated Glendale High School 1-0 in last year's final, which provided a great Sydney-Newcastle inter-city

Entries officially close on WEDNESDAY APRIL 20, so be certain that your school's nomination is mailed right away.

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AUSTRALIAN SOC-CER WEEKLY aims to carry the draw and the match results when the competition starts.

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(Date)

Whoever arranged for Sutherland State League coach and former international John Watkiss (part obscured) to present the 1982 NSW State under 18 Cup to St Andrews Eastwood's captain must have known something. Watkiss, one of the proven developers of local talent in NSW football, is now the NSW coach for the match against Queensland in Brisbane.

The final was played at Seymour Shaw Park and St Andrews ran out clearcut 5-0 winners over Panania

AMATEUR CUP ENTRIES CLOSING

Entries for the 1983 NSW Amateur knock our cups in the various grades close on April 18. Clubs still have enough time to nominate by mailing their applications to the NSW Amateur secretary Rod Woods, 29 Yeramba St, Turramurra 2074. (Phone: (02) 44 7069 for enquiries). The grades conducted are NSW Amateur Cup (for seniors), Robertson Cup (under 21), and the NSW Amateur under 18, 16 and 14 Cups.

KEITH GILMOUR'S

JUNIOR SCENE

NSW "ATTACK" YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 4, April 9-10	U/13	U/14	U/15	U/16
GROUP A	-			
Melita v Kur-ring-gai	0-3	0-3	1-3	0-0
Canterburry v Central Coast	3-7	6-1		2-1
St George v Auburn	0-0	2-2	1-2	2-0
Granville v Blacktown Assoc	1-2	7-0	10-0	Blk
GROUP B			0.4	10
APIA v Southern Districts	0-1	1-2	2-1	1-0
City v Polonia	2-3	-	-	6-0
Sutherland v Illawarra	0-0	3-1		0-0
Gladesville v Nth Bankstown	2-1	4-0	1-0	6-1
Croatia bye				
GROUP C				
Avala v Blacktown City	0-2	1-2	1-0	0-2
Marconi v Bankstown	0-1	2-0		9-0
Nepean v Macarthur		5-0		2-1
Baulkham H. v C'burry-Marr	1-2	2-4	2-1	0-5
Sydney Olympic Bye				
11/12:				

GROUP A: Central Coast 8, Blacktown Assoc 6, Manly 6, Ku-ring-gai 5, St George 5, Auburn 5, Canterburry 2, Granville 1, Melita 0.

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Blacktown City 3, Bankstown 1, Macarthur 0.

Points awarded to Canterburry-Marr, Marconi and Blacktown City for byes against Western NSW have been deducted due to the entry of Macarthur Assoc.

Games against Macarthur for these clubs will be scheduled shortly.

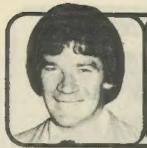
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SERDERON THE PLASTIC MAN PRIZE





CAPTAIN SOCCEROO

WARREN

WOODY READY FOR BIG COMEBACK

When Greg Woodhouse burst on to the scene as a 17-year-old, back in 1977 with Mike Laing's Western Suburbs PSL team, many rated the youngster the best goalkeep ing talent since Ron

The following years did nothing to change that opinion.

"Woody" became a PSL regular first with Wests and then with APIA (now Leichhardt), following the amalgamation of the two clubs.

He had the physical qualities, the hungry mental attitude and the obvious natural talent which confirmed those early observations that here was a young man on the way to the top.

The then national coach Rudi Gutendorf also thought so.

Woodhouse became Australia's number one Youth team goalkeaper playing in our first ever World Youth Championship elimination matches in Paraguay in 1978.

He was also Australian Schoolboys goalkeeper for their tour to North America the same year

Gutendorf, so much so that he was immediately drafted into the full national team for the 'eventful" European tour where he won the right to be number one goal-

Cup campaign. It had all happened

quickly for Woodhouse, perhaps too quickly.

In our desire to create local personalities in Australia we are often guilty



STEVE WATSON. . . One of the goalkeepers currently delaying Woddhouse's return to Australia's interna-

of elevating youngsters to superstar status over-night and then, following a few poor performances, dropping them to "has beens" just as quickly. This happened to

Woody in the same manner as it has happened to many youngsters before

It all started to go wrong in 1981 climaxing, in the World Cup debacle against New Zealand (that team again...) at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Like all goalkeepers, Woody took more than his share of the blame.

There was little sympathy at the time or even mention that during the entire Gutendorf era, Woodhouse never played behind the same defence

If 1981 gave Wood-house his first set-back, 1982 brought the second. Nagging injuries re-stricted his PSL appear-ances for Leichhardt to a mere handful.

For Woodhouse it completed the success cycle
from 17-year-old "wonder boy" playing all over
the world as our number one youth and senior Soc-



Grea Woodhouse, the Leichhardt goalie

ceroo goalkeeper to. suddenly at 22, facing the scrap heap

That he has now fought his way back to the fringe of the national team speaks volumes for his character.

Full recovery from his 1982 injuries, marriage. and more emphasis on his overall physical fit-ness indicates that Woodhouse is on the way back

The bitter experiences of 1961 and 1962 have matured him and made him a wiser man.

He has coped with the

fickleness of the media, fans, coaches and injuries to make his come-

And I hope that comeback is right to the top for the former Bankstown Protestant Churches youngster.

CHANCE TO SEE WEMBLEY

Australian kids now have every opportunity to make it in Soccer.

If they were born in my era they would have been lucky to see a newsreel clip at the movies on world

Today Soccer fans can't complain about the

overseas coverage of the game.

And all this is a tremendous education for the

John Lane of Stephens Travel is taking all this exposure a step futher by organising a trip of a lifetime to the UK next January.

Youngsters will be based at Westerfield House, training headquarters of Ipswich Town, where they will be coached by leading F.A. coaches during their two week stay. their two week stay.

Four first division matches, a visit to Wembley Stadium, a few days in Manchester, including a visit to Manchester United's Old Trafford Ground, a tour of Anfield plus tours of London and places like Sherwood Forest are all part of Stephens' Sports Travel's 1983 January tour to the

I would suggest parents wishing to send their youngsters on this trip contact John Lane at Stephens Sports Travel on Sydney 231.3833.



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IEW FACES

Two outstanding junior coaches have won posi-tions with this year's NSW state teams.

The under 14 point has gone to Vince Balzin, who has done well with Melita Eagles' third grade side, Granville club teams and recently with Gladesville-Hornsby representatives. lan Lloyd of Southern

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Arm B'feld — Cologne 2-0 Bayern - M'gladbach 3-1 Br'swick - Hamburg 2-4 Eint F'ft - Her Berlin 3-1 D'dorf - Schalke Bochum -- Stuttgart 2-2 L'kusen — K'Lautern 0-0 W Bremen - N'berg 3-2

FRANCE

Nontes Contract	40
Nantes - Sochaux	4-4
Bordeaux - Lille	2-0
Paris SG — Lyons	3-0
Monaco — Rouen	2-0
Brest - Laval	3-0
Lens — Tours	2-1
Nancy — Auxerre	3-1
St Etienne - S'bourg	0-0
Mulhouse — Toulouse	1-2
Bastia — Metz	0-3
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AUSTRIA

Sturm — Neusidel	1-0
Voeest Lask	2-0
Aust K'furt - Gak	2-0
Eisenstadt — Wels	2-2
Wiener SC - Rapid	0-4
Aus S'burg - Simmering	3-0
Admira W'ker - I'sbruck	2-2
Austria Wien - Vienna	5-1

SWITZERLAND

Bulle - B'zona	41
Lausanne Basle	7-0
Lucerne — W'thur	41
S Galleri — Vevey	4-3
S'vette G'eva — G'hop's	2-1
Young Boys Neuchatel	1-1
FC Zurich — Sion	2-1

Servette lead on 34 points, followed by Grasshoppers 31, and FC Zurich 25.

ITALY

Cesena - Forino	
Inter A'lino	
Juve Ascoll	
Napoll — Cagliari	
Pisa — Udinese	
Roma — C'zaro	
S'doria Genoa	
Verona - F'tina	

HOLLAND

Utrecht - F Sittard	44
Willem - Go Ahead	2-(
AZ '67 — Ajax	23
Roda JC — Haarlem	24
Zwolle - Nac Breda	2
Twente - Ex R'dam	0-2
Nec N'gen - Sp R'dam	5-2
PSV — G'ningen	6-1
F'noord — Helm Sp	2-
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BELGIUM

A'lecht - Waterschei	4-0
Waregern - RWD M'beek	0-0
FC Bruges — Courtral	2-1
Beerschot — Antwerp	0-1
Seraing — Ghent	3-0
W'slag — Lierse	3-1
Lokeren - FC Liege	0-2
Tongres — Beveren	0-2
Sta Liege — Cer Bruges	6-1

GREECE

Apollon - M'nikos	4-0
Yannina — P'raikos	2-0
Iraklis — Aris	0-1
Larisa — AEK	4-1
OFI Doxa	1-0
P'kos-E'nikos	2-1
P'chaiki - Paok	1-0
P'nios — Rodos	2-0
O'piakos — Kastoria	3-0

PORTUGAL

Benfica - Rio Ave	04
G'maraes - Porto	04
Varzim — M'timo	3-4
Estoril Amora	34
S'gueiros - Alcobaca	2-(
Setubal — P'nense	7-(
Espinho Braga	41

POLAND

St Miel — Chorzow	0-1
Gdynia S'nowiec	0-0
Lks Lodz — CRA Krakow	1-1
Leg Warsaw - Szczecin	2-3
Gks Katowice Wroclaw	2-1
Szom Bytom Gornik	3-2
Lech P'nan - Gw W'saw	3-2
Wis Krakow — Wid Lodz	1-1

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BY JOHN ECONOMOS

WEST GERMANY

Former West German World Cup captain, Franz Beckenbauer, is returning to American Soccer with his former club the New York Cosmos.

Beckenbauer last played for the Cosmos back in September 1980, before returning to Germany to play for SV Hamburg for another two seasons before retiring last year. The champion German player is ready to resume with Cosmos against Montreal on May 1 in the NASL

Beckenbauer has represented West Germany more than 100 times and led his World Cup team to victory in 1974 when they won the final against Holland.

Australian Soccer fans saw Beckenbauer in Sydney at the Showground in October 1979 when the Cosmos played against Rudi Gutendorf's Socceroos.

On that night, the Cosmos were well beaten by Australia, 2-1 before an Australian record night-crowd for any sporting event of 62,000.

KING GREETS KING



"Welcome home!" that's what Pele said to Franz Beckenbauer when the great German libero rejoined New York Cosmos

MEXICO

People who reckon Mexico is certain to host the 1986 World Cup could be in for a surprise.

Although FIFA's investigating committee stataed earlier that they would not even bother to visit the USA or Canada, they have had to re-think on that blunt decision

FIFA has informed the United States authorities that there will be a review of the situation by no later than April 18. Sepp Blatter, FIFA'ssecretary-general said: "We have received a demand from the USA to reconsider our decision and in view of the very strong reactionwe had from both the USA and Canada, Fl. A will now do this.

Meanwhile, FIFA's four-man delegation is due in Mex ico today to have a look at grounds, facilities and the financial set-up to assess if the Mexicans really are capable of staging the World Cup. They did so once before, but since then, the economy in Mexico has been hit by raging inflation and FIFA may not be prepared to risk a fiasco if Mexico cannot find the cash to stage the Cup.

GREECE

A.E.K.'s ace-striker, Thomas Mayros, is about to be offered a contract to move to America and play for the fabulous New York Cosmos in the North American Soccer League.

The Greek World Cup striker, has attracted the Cosmos' attention and they are willing to pay A.E.K. \$1 million, which is a lot of drachmas. In fact it is roughly

A.E.K. the Athenian club is strongly challenging for the Greek Championship this year and Mavros is Greece's second top goal-scorer.

ITALY

The plane carrying the Polish team, Widzew Lodz from Poland to Italy, was struck by lightening, causing panic within the aircraft but no injuries.

The right wing of the plane was struck about 50 miles

SCOTLAND

Scottish team Aberdeen, is ready to reach its first ever European Soccer final after crushing Belgium's Waterschei 5-1 at Pittodrie, Scotland, in the first leg of the European Cup Winners Cup semi-final.

The Scots hit the target twice in the first four minutes. The return leg will be played in Belgium, and a huge upset is needed by the Belgians to be able to block out Aberdeen from climbing into the Final on May 11 against either Real Madrid or Austria Vienna.

The Final will be in Gothenburg. An elated Aberdeen manager, Alex Ferguson, told the Press: "We've done the hard bit now. It is a magnificent start and our two strikers, Black and McGhee, did the job where it matters- in the box.

"They proved they were goal-hungry."

By the way, Eric Black is the deadly striker who will clash with Australia's Youth team in Mexico in June in the 1983 World Youth Championships, when he plays for Scotland, the current European Champions.

HONG KONG

Hong Kong could stage a Sydney Olympic tour match in June. . . to keep the Olympic players from going

Manager Tommy Docherty says: "We'll have to cancel several NSL matches if our players are away with the Youth Socceroos or playing for Australia against England. Maybe we'll get some match practice in Hong Kong or Singapore. It would be crazy to just stop playing matches.

Unfortunately, good clubs sides in Hong Kong are quite capable of giving a hiding to an under-strength Sydney

PORTUGAL

With the World Youth Championship rapidly approaching, it's good to know that FIFA is keeping a close eye on players' ages.

Recently in the UEFA Junior competition, Portugal was found guilty of playing over-age players. So UEFA authorities ruled that the Portugese had LOST three matches, each by 3-0, against France, Belgium and Spain. ..even though they didn't lose them on the

FIFA is expected to be even tougher than UEFA in checking on ages for youngsters appearing in top

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WEMBLEY STADIUM IS OUT OF FAVOUR

There is much conjecture about the future of Wembley Stadium. Some of the attendances there have fallen way below expectations in the past couple of years. . . Indeed this season's England v Wales international pulled in only 24,000 and that is the smallest crowd Wembley has ever accommodated for a big game.

When England manager Bobby Robson selected his side to play

Greece in the European

Championship, he said it

was one of the most "adventurous" sides he had ever fielded.

Robeon said he would

se Steve Coppell and

Alan Devonshire as orthodox wingers, giving England a forward line of

Coppell-Francis-

Woodcock-Devonshire in a 3-3-4 formation.

The plan was to go flat out for goals. It didn't

work exactly as Robson had hoped. The result

0 - 0 and the English team was given the bird by the crowd.

The English F.A. has not renewed its contract with Wembley Stadium and is now booking the ground on a match-tomatch basis.

It is strange to reflect that Wembley, which many Australians regard as God's gift to soccer, is 60 years old and, compared with some of the great stadiums of the world, is an archaic arenal

Maybe we could ship it to Sydney.

The F.A. has tried to "bribe" spectators to attend this year's European Championship matches at Wembley. Fans have been told they'll be able to buy tickets for the England v Scotland sell-out in June if they produce proof that they've attended the less attractive internationals against Greece and Hungary.

When the transfer

deadline passed in En-

gland, it was recorded as one of the quietest

seasons for many years

on the transfer market. About \$3,000,000 was

spent on buying play-

ers. In the previous year, the figure was \$42,000,000 and in 1979-80, it was

This is the most con-vincing pointer to the

hard-up situation in which most clubs find themselves. Yet players still think they can de-

mand, and get, sky-high wages. Luton

Town manager Dave Pleat complained that

he has tried to sign sev-eral players but im-mediately lost interest when they asked for

weekly payments of 500 or 600 pounds.

\$73,000,000.



The Chester Report, aimed at transforming the Football League, has not been well received by many clubs in the League.

Some third and fourth division clubs regard the

allow home teams to retain all gate receipts from home games. It's a marvellous scheme for the likes of Manchester United, Spurs and Newcastle United. .but far from ideal for clubs like Luton Town,

UMBS DOWN

report, compiled by Sir Norman Chester, as a quick way to oblivion as far as they are concerned.

The leading first division clubs, however, see the suggested reduction in their division as an excellent plan, allowing them more free dates to accommodate European matches.

Brighton and Notts County who rely on a percentage of away gates when they visit the giants.

One suggestion in the report is clearly aimed at making the rich richer and the poor poorer. This would



Frans Thijssen



ABERDEEN ALEX

The big hero in Scottish football right now appears to be Alex Ferguson, manager of the so-successful Abordoon.

Not only are Aberdeen making a great bid for the Scottish League championship, but they're also in with a big chance of retaining the Scottish Cup.

But probably Alex Ferguson's greatest achievement is guiding Aberdeen to the semifinal of the European

Cup Winners Cup, making them the last British team surviving in

Incidentally, when Scotland played Switzerland in Glasgow, Aberdeen had five players in the national squad - a huge representation for a provincial club

Newport County's Somerton Park ground is not the sort of place where huge crowds are regularly seen. Newport average attendances of 4,000 — even though they are challenging strongly for prom-otion. But when neighbours Cardiff City visited Somerton Park on Easter Monday, the match kicked off at the strange time of 11 a.m. in case of crowd hooliganism.

Cardiff are also in the race for promotion. And the early kick-off was arranged so the fans could be inside the ground before the local public houses

Arsenal at last seem to have solved their twogoalkeeper headache. Both George Wood, a Scottish international and Pat Jennings, an Irish international, felt they should be first choice for the Gunners. And whichever player was relegated to the reserves complained about it. Jennings has now been offered a new contract for next season: but Wood has not. So the Scotsman will be on the move.

Vancouver Whitecaps are very busy in England attempting to lure top talent to the North American Soccer League.

Evidently, the Canadians are not short of dollars. They are ready to pay Ipswich Town's brilliant Dutch midfielder, Frans Thijssen, \$170,000 a season for the next two seasons.

Whitecaps have also just about fixed up former English international cen-tre-half Dave Watson, now with Stoke City. Watson, like Thijssen, is vanted for two years.



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